

Captain Marcus Beresford Heywood, D.S.O.  
 Captain Gilbert Stanley Heathcote.  
 Captain Henry Cecil Harland Hudson.  
 Captain Gerald Blakeney de Courcy-Ireland,  
 M.C.  
 Captain Hugh Conway Thornton.

*To be Members of the Fifth Class.*

Lieutenant Edward Adair Barnard.  
 Second Lieutenant Harry Austen, R.E.  
 Second Lieutenant Henry Simms, R.E.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,  
 St. James's Palace,  
 2nd August, 1917.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order:—

*To be Member of the Fourth Class.*

Captain Claude Newington, Bedfordshire Regiment.

*Crown Office,  
 1st August, 1917.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*Parliamentary Burgh of Dundee.*

The Right Honourable Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill re-elected on appointment as Minister of Munitions.

*Crown Office,  
 30th July, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Rev. Osborne Mills Jones, B.A., to the Rectory of Saint James, Southam, in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester, void by the death of the last Incumbent, and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

*Crown Office,  
 30th July, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Rev. John Henry Jones to the Rectory of Saint Ive, in the county of Cornwall and Diocese of Truro, void by the death of the last Incumbent, and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

*Lord Chancellor's Office,  
 31st July, 1917.*

#### COUNTY COURTS (BILLETING OF CIVILIANS) RULES, 1917.

Notice is hereby given, that the Lord Chancellor has (with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury as to fees) made certain Rules under the Billeting of Civilians Act, 1917 (7 & 8 Geo. V, c. 20), to come into operation on the 9th of August, 1917, and cited as above.

Copies may be obtained on application at H.M. Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, W.C. 2.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon Them by Section 2 of the Proclamation relating to Trading with the Enemy dated the 7th day of January, 1915, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby permit persons, firms, or companies resident, carrying on busi-

ness, or being in the United Kingdom, notwithstanding anything contained in Section 1 of the said Proclamation, to enter into transactions in respect of banking business with the Salonika Branch of the Banque de Salonique.

This permission may be modified or revoked at any time by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

*John Bradbury.*

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall.  
 16th July, 1917.

#### CARGOES EX ENEMY VESSELS IN PORTUGUESE HARBOURS.

*Foreign Office,  
 July 31, 1917.*

With reference to the notifications which were published in the London Gazette of May 30, 1916, and July 24, 1917, respecting the release of allied and neutral merchandise found on enemy vessels in Portuguese harbours, a translation is now appended of a Decree which has been issued by the Portuguese Government on the subject:—

*Decree (No. 5246), July 13, 1917.*

[TRANSLATION.]

Taking into consideration the representations made to me by the Ministers of all the Departments, with the view of simplifying in certain cases the procedure for the delivery of goods found on board requisitioned vessels; availing myself of the authorisation granted by the Laws No. 373 of September 2, 1915, and No. 491 of March 12, 1916: I hereby, on the advice of the Council of Ministers, decree as follows:—

##### ARTICLE I.

The production of a guarantee is dispensed with in the case of the delivery of the goods referred to in Article 32 of the Decree of the 20th of April, 1916\*, whenever in regard thereto claimants produce *delivery orders* issued by the owners of the vessels.

##### ARTICLE II.

The goods referred to in the above mentioned Article 32 of the Decree of April 20, 1916—which may have already been claimed, and respecting which a certificate, from the Legation of the Allied or Neutral country to which the claimant belongs, has been presented by the 31st of August, 1917, declaring that the Government concerned will, up to the expiration of the period of one year counting from the date of the signature of the treaty of peace, indemnify the Portuguese Government against all claims by the shipowners, captains or third parties up to the amount of one and one-third times the value of the said goods—may be handed over on an order from the Minister of Finance provided the parties interested pay the expenses of unloading, storage and conservation of the goods, as well as the Customs clearance charges on re-exportation, at the time the clearance is effected.

##### ARTICLE III.

An extension is hereby granted to the 31st of August, 1917, of the period for the presentation of all claims or documents relative to goods of the same origin.

§1. At the termination of this extended period no claim or document will be admitted, and all proceedings pending will follow their legal course.