

authorities since the 31st July, 1914, and before the 4th August, 1914.

(b) Secondly, with payment of the amounts due in respect of claims by British nationals with regard to their property, rights and interests in the territories of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey in so far as those claims are not otherwise satisfied.

Provided that any particular property, rights or interests so charged may at any time, if the High Commissioner thinks fit, be released from the charge so created.

2. In the application and enforcement of the charge created by this Order the claims of or debts owing to British nationals resident or carrying on business in Egypt shall enjoy priority over the claims of or debts owing to other British nationals.

3. All decisions of the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal constituted under Section VI of Part X of the Treaty, if within the jurisdiction of that Tribunal, shall be final and conclusive, and binding on all courts.

4. For the purpose of enforcing the attendance of witnesses before the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal, whether sitting in Egypt or not, and compelling the production before the Tribunal of documents, the High Commissioner shall have power to issue orders which shall have the like effect as if the proceedings before the Tribunal were an action in the Supreme Court, and the order were a formal process issued by that court in the due exercise of its jurisdiction, and shall be enforceable by that court accordingly, and disobedience to any such order shall be punishable as contempt of court.

5. Sections IV, V, and VI of Part X of the Treaty relating to property, rights and interests, to contracts, prescriptions and judgments, and to the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal, and all provisions of the said Treaty affecting or relating to the charge created by this Order shall have full force and effect as law.

6. The time at which the periods of prescription or limitation of right of action referred to in Article 300 of the Treaty shall begin again

to run shall be at the expiration of six months after the coming into force of the Treaty, and the period to be allowed within which presentation of negotiable instruments for acceptance or payment, and notice of non-acceptance or non-payment or protest may be made under Article 301, shall be six months from the coming into force of the Treaty.

7. Rules made during the war by any recognised Exchange or Commercial Association providing for the closure of contracts entered into before the war by an enemy, and any action taken thereunder are hereby confirmed, subject to the provisos contained in paragraph 4 (a) of the Annex to Section V of Part X of the Treaty.

8. The power under the Egypt Order in Council, 1915, to make King's Regulations, shall extend to the issue of regulations for the purpose of enforcing the charge created by this Order, and for making such arrangements as may be required for establishing and assessing the claims and debts for the payment of which the property charged is rendered liable, and for the payment, in whole or in part, of the sums due.

9. In this Order the term "British nationals-resident or carrying on business in Egypt" means persons who are subject to the Egypt Order in Council, 1915, and who are so resident or carrying on business.

10. The Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, shall not apply to Egypt except so far as may be consistent with the provisions of this Order or of any Proclamation issued by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief the British Forces in Egypt, or with any rules or directions given thereunder.

11. This Order may be cited as the Egypt (Treaty of Peace) Order in Council, 1920, and shall be read as one with the Egypt Order in Council, 1915.

12. This Order shall be deemed to have had effect as from the date when the Treaty of Peace came into force.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of January, 1920.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 17th day of January, 1920, in the words following, viz.:-

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions, and other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by Section 2 of the Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1863, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that the Admiralty may enrol Officers of the Reserve to the Royal Navy under, and subject to, such Rules, Orders and Regulations as the Admiralty may, with the consent of Your Majesty in Council, from time to time establish:

"And whereas by the Naval Forces Act,

1903, it is enacted that the Admiralty shall have power to raise and maintain a Force to be called the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and that any volunteer enrolled under this Act, when serving for training afloat, or called out for actual service, shall be deemed to be serving in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force within the meaning of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865:

"And whereas during the war certain changes in the rules governing promotion and the rates of full pay and retiring allowances of Officers of various ranks of Your Majesty's Naval, Marine and Reserve Forces have from time to time been deemed desirable and have, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, been introduced:

"And whereas, with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury, pending a general revision of the pay of Officers, temporary bonuses were granted with effect from the 1st February, 1919, to all Officers of Your Majesty's Naval, Marine and Reserve Forces:

"And whereas we are of opinion that the Regulations governing service, promotion and retirement in certain ranks require further revision so as to place Officers of various Branches of the Royal Navy, Royal Naval