

this means the bonds of mutual understanding will be strengthened and the growing identity of interest between the Indian States and the rest of My Empire will be fostered and developed.

3. In My former Proclamation I repeated the assurance, given on many occasions by My Royal predecessors and Myself, of My determination ever to maintain unimpaired the privileges, rights and dignities of the Princes of India. The Princes may rest assured that this pledge remains inviolate and inviolable. I now authorise My Viceroy to publish the terms of the Constitution of the new Chamber. My Viceroy will take its counsel freely in matters relating to the territories of the Indian States generally, and in matters that affect those territories jointly with British India, or with the rest of My Empire. It will have no concern with the internal affairs of individual States or their Rulers or with the relations of individual States to My Government, while the existing rights of the States and their freedom of action will be in no way prejudiced or impaired. It is my earnest hope that the Princes of India will take regular part in the deliberations of the Chamber; but attendance will be a matter of choice, not of constraint. There will be no obligation upon any member to record his opinion, by vote or otherwise, upon any question that may come under discussion; and it is further My desire that, at the discretion of My Viceroy, an opportunity shall be given to any Prince who has not taken a part in the deliberations of the Chamber to record his views on any question that the Chamber has had under its consideration.

4. I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon the labours of the Chamber; that its deliberations may be inspired by true wisdom and moderation; and that it may seek and find its best reward in promoting the general weal and in increasing the strength and unity of the mighty Empire over which I have been called upon to rule.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 7th day of *February*, 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day William Leman Ashmead Bartlett Burdett-Coutts, Esquire, M.P., was, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION FOR PROHIBITING THE EXPORTATION OF GOLD AND SILVER COIN AND GOLD BULLION.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS it is provided by section eight of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, that certain articles therein mentioned may by Proclamation be prohibited to be exported:

And whereas it is provided by section one of

the Gold and Silver (Export Control, &c.) Act, 1920, that the said section eight shall, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, have effect as if, in addition to the articles in the said section mentioned, there were included gold or silver coin and gold or silver bullion:

And whereas by Proclamation, dated the tenth day of May, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and made under the powers therein recited, as amended by Orders of Council, dated, respectively, the first day of April, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and the twenty-sixth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty, the exportation of gold coin and bullion and silver bullion and British silver coin is prohibited:

And whereas it is expedient that the last recited Proclamation, so far as it relates to the said matters, should be revoked, and that gold and silver coin and gold bullion should be prohibited to be exported under the powers conferred by the said section eight of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, as amended by the said section one of the Gold and Silver (Export Control, &c.) Act, 1920:

Now, therefore, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, in pursuance of the said Acts and all other powers enabling Us in that behalf, do proclaim, direct and ordain as follows:—

1. As from the date of this Our Proclamation, and subject as hereinafter provided, gold and silver coin and gold bullion are prohibited to be exported from Our United Kingdom:

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that this prohibition shall not apply to any such coin or bullion which is exported under licence given by the Board of Trade and in accordance with the conditions (if any) of the licence.

2. Gold produced in any part of Our Dominions and imported into Our United Kingdom under any arrangement approved by the Treasury may, notwithstanding anything in this Our Proclamation, be exported in accordance with the terms of the arrangement, and licences will be granted accordingly.

3. In the foregoing provisions of this Our Proclamation the expression "gold bullion" includes gold partly manufactured and any mixture or alloy containing gold.

4. The said Proclamation of the tenth of May, nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by the above recited Orders of Council, is hereby revoked, so far as it relates to gold coin and bullion or to silver bullion and British silver coin:

Provided that this revocation shall not affect the previous operation of the said Proclamation, and any licence given under the said Proclamation with respect to the said articles shall continue in force until the time when it would otherwise have expired, as though given under this Our Proclamation.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this seventh day of *February*, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and in the Eleventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.