

respect of direct and substantial loss incurred and damage sustained by them by reason of interference with their property or business in the United Kingdom through the exercise by the Crown of its rights and duties in the defence of the Realm :

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents authorise and appoint you the said Henry Edward Duke (Chairman); Sir James Thomas Woodhouse; and Sir Matthew Gemmill Wallace to be Our Commissioners for the purpose of the said inquiry.

And for the better effecting the purpose of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do by these Presents authorise and empower you to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid.

And We do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

Provided that, should you deem it expedient, the powers and privileges hereinbefore conferred on you shall belong to, and may be exercised by, any one or more of you.

And Our will and pleasure is that you do, from time to time, report to the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury, under your hands and seals, your opinions upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, in the fifth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

R. M'KENNA.

FOREIGN OFFICE, March 31, 1915.

VESSELS DETAINED OR CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH NAVAL AUTHORITIES.

A notification is published in the French "Journal Officiel" of the 26th instant to the effect that parties interested in the German vessels "Colonia" and "Rohlf's," and in the

cargo of the Netherland vessel "Boeroe," should send in their claims to the Conseil des Prises, Palais Royal, Paris, before the 26th April next.

WHITEHALL, March 31, 1915.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 29th instant, to appoint Heber Leonidas Hart, Esq., K.C., to be Recorder of the borough of Ipswich, in the room of Sir Frederick Low, who resigned on his appointment as a Judge of the High Court.

WHITEHALL, March 31, 1915.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto David James Galloway, Esq., M.D., C.M., F.R.C.P., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the First Class of the Order of the Crown of Johore, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Highness The Sultan of Johore in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of Physician Extraordinary to His Highness.

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that on the 1st April 1915 he made an Order under Section 61 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, entitled "The Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 1st April 1915," the effect of which is to add the explosive "Cambrite No. 2" to the permitted explosives named and defined in the First Schedule to the Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 1st September 1913.

Copies of the Order can be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and 54 St. Mary Street, Cardiff; H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23 Forth Street, Edinburgh; and Messrs. E. Ponsonby Ltd., 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Whitehall,
2nd April 1915.

FACTORY DEPARTMENT, HOME OFFICE,
March 31, 1915.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. D. S. Niven to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts, for the Turriff district of the county of Aberdeen.