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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1916.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

REQUIRING RETURNS TO BE MADE OF BRITISH PROPERTY IN ENEMY TERRITORY AND CLAIMS BY BRITISH SUBJECTS AGAINST ENEMY PERSONS AND ENEMY GOVERNMENTS.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS in the interests of Our Realm it is of great importance that full information should be obtained with regard to property in enemy territory belonging to Our subjects, and also with regard to the claims of Our subjects against enemy persons and enemy Governments :

And whereas for the purpose of obtaining that information it is necessary that returns of such property and claims should be made by Our subjects to the Officers appointed to receive the same :

Now, therefore, We strictly command and enjoin Our subjects within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, or within any country or place outside Our Dominions and Protectorates who are entitled to property of any description whatsoever in enemy territory or to any interest in such property or have claims against enemy persons or enemy Governments, forthwith to make returns of their said property or claims to the Officers appointed to receive the same :

Provided that it shall not be necessary to make such returns respecting property or claims, where-

of returns have before the date of this proclamation been voluntarily made to such Officers as aforesaid in the form prescribed by them.

The Officers appointed to receive such returns shall be :—

(a) In the case of property in enemy territory and of claims against enemy persons, the Public Trustee, Kingsway, London, W.C.

(b) In the case of claims against enemy Governments, the Directors of the Foreign Claims Office, Foreign Office, London, S.W.

The said returns shall be made in such form and with such particulars as the Public Trustee and the Directors of the Foreign Claims Office may respectively require.

For the purposes of this Proclamation :—

The expression "property" includes documents of title to property; the expression "enemy territory" means the territory of any State at war with Us (including the Colonies and Dependencies thereof); the expression "enemy persons" includes all persons, firms, companies and corporations, residing or carrying on business in enemy territory; the expression "enemy Government" means the Government of any State at war with Us.

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this Seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.