

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,  
St. James's Palace,  
14th July 1917.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's recent visit to his Army in the Field, to make the following promotions in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

*To be Knights Grand Cross.*

General Sir Herbert Charles Onslow Plumer, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.  
General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson, Bt., K.C.B., K.C.V.O.

*To be Knights Commander.*

General Sir Hubert de la Poer Gough, K.C.B.  
Surgeon-General Sir Arthur Thomas Sloggett, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.  
Lieutenant-General John Asser, C.B.  
Major-General Sir William Eliot Peyton, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

*To be Commander.*

Colonel John James Henry Nation, D.S.O.

*To be Members of the Fourth Class.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Francis Fletcher, D.S.O.  
Lieutenant-Colonel James Henville Thresher.  
Major James Gordon Dugdale, D.S.O., M.C.  
Captain Henry Constable Roberts, D.S.O.  
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.

**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. 3246), July 13, 1917.*

[TRANSLATION.]

Taking into consideration the representations made to me by the Ministers of all the Depart-

ments, 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.

ARTICLE IV.

The decisions referred to in Articles 34 and 35 and their sub-Articles of the Decree of the 20th of April 1916, shall appertain to the Tribunal of Commerce at Mormuagão as regards the questions still pending in connection with the cargoes of the ships "Pangim," "Damao" and "India," requisitioned at that port.

ARTICLE V.

Legislation to the contrary is hereby revoked.

The Ministers of all the Departments shall accordingly carry this Decree into effect. Seat of the Government of the Republic, July 13th, 1917.

*Bernardino Machado.*

*Afonso Costa.*

*Artur R. de Almeida Ribeiro.*

*Alexandre Braga.*

*José Mendez Ribeiro Norton de Matos.*

*José Antonio Arantes Pedrosa.*

*Augusto Luis Vieira Soares.*

*Herculano Jorge Galhardo.*

*Ernesto Jardim de Vilhena.*

*José Maria Vilhena Barbosa de Magalhaes.*

*Eduardo Alberto Lima Basto.*

\* See London Gazette of May 30, 1916.