

terested party issued by the Consul concerned;

(c) Bills of Lading, duly endorsed, if necessary;

(d) A Power of Attorney from the owner of the goods, if not presenting his claim in person, with an indication of the person to whom the sum due is to be paid in Portuguese or British India;

(e) Invoices proving that the vendor was paid for the goods;

(f) Guarantee certificate, in accordance with the terms of Decree No. 3800 of the 28th January 1918, if necessary.

§1. All these documents shall be duly stamped and accompanied by legalised translations and endorsed by the respective Portuguese Consular officers.

Article IV.

The duly documented claims shall be forwarded to the Directorate of Diplomatic, Geographic and Maritime Services in the Ministry for the Colonies, in order that the Committee referred to in Article VI. may report upon them, after which they will be transmitted to the Procurator of the Republic at Goa, to pronounce a decision on them in accordance with the terms of Article 32 of Decree No. 2350 of the 20th April 1916.

Article V.

In the case of loss of the title of ownership the procedure prescribed in Article 478 of the Regulations of the 31st January 1889, will be followed.

Article VI.

The Minister for the Colonies shall appoint two competent officials, as a Committee, to deal with all the services connected with these matters, who shall take all the necessary action both in Lisbon and in India. This Committee shall be entrusted with the organization of all the accounts; effect all settlements connected with each claim, after legal deductions have been made; effect all payments, on the expiration of the period prescribed in Article I. for the delivery orders issued by the Procurator of the Republic at Goa; pay deposits which are legally claimed under sanction of the Procurator of the Republic at Goa; accept bails which may be ordered to be tendered in conformity with the decisions passed by the said Procurator; draw up proper records of the accounts in a special book, in conformity with Article 478 of the Decree of the 31st January 1889, whenever the certificates of guarantee according to the terms of Decree No. 3800 of the 21st of January 1918, are not presented; settle all accounts with the Government of Portuguese India, for its share of the balances of sales legally due to it, and pay all expenses incurred with these services.

§1. The Committee shall supply the initial information regarding the claims according to the terms of Article III. relative to the existence of balances, with a description of the consignments found and sold, mentioning all legal deductions which have been made, the legal standing of the claimants and the documents presented by them, and shall render the latter all necessary information in order that their claims may receive legal action, and remove all

possible difficulties that may prejudice the regular course of the proceedings in accordance with the legislation concerned.

Article VII.

The sums necessary to defray the payments to be made to legally recognised claimants and other legal expenses which may have to be incurred with these services, as well as the settlement of accounts with the Government of Portuguese India, shall be placed to the order of the Committee as delegates of the Ministry for the Colonies.

These sums comprise the balances existing in London at the Ministry of Shipping handed in by Messrs. W. and A. Graham & Company, who undertook the unloading, delivery and sale of the goods found on board the steamships "Pangim" and "Damao," the deposit existing in the Caixa Geral dos Depositos transmitted by the Government of Portuguese India in October of last year on account of these sums, and the balance which is still in the possession of the Government of Portuguese India in connection with the same question.

Article VIII.

On the termination of their operations the Committee shall present a detailed and documented report thereon to the Minister for the Colonies, as well as a detailed account of all payments made and expenses incurred, which must be supported by the necessary vouchers.

Article IX.

Legislation to the contrary is hereby revoked. The President of the Ministry and the Ministers of all the Departments shall accordingly carry this Decree into effect.

Seat of the Government of the Republic the 1st of October 1920.

ANTONIO JOSÉ DE ALMEIDA.

(Here follow the signatures of Ministers.)

Whitehall, October 21, 1920.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to grant permission to wear the undermentioned Decorations, which have been conferred in recognition of valuable services rendered during the War:—

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC.

LEGION OF HONOUR.

Cross of Officer.

Sir Arthur M'Dougal Duckman, K.C.B.

ORDER OF THE "ETOILE NOIRE."

Cross of Commander.

George Brendon Hayne, Esq., of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Company.