

day of August 1921 (midnight), Our said Proclamations and do release all Volunteers under the said Acts from actual service thereunder.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and in the Twelfth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of August 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act, 1918, it is provided that His Majesty in Council may declare what date is to be treated as the date of the termination of the present War, and that the date so declared shall be as nearly as may be the date of the exchange or deposit of ratifications of the treaty or treaties of peace:

And whereas ratifications of treaties of peace with Germany, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria have been deposited on behalf of His Majesty:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered that the 31st day of August nineteen hundred and twenty-one, shall be treated as the date of the termination of the present War: that is to say the day at midnight on which the present War will end.

Provided that nothing in this Order shall affect the relations between His Majesty and the Ottoman Empire until ratifications of a treaty of peace with that Empire shall have been exchanged or deposited.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of August 1921.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Air Navigation Act, 1920, it is enacted that the law relating to wreck and to salvage of life or property and to the duty of rendering assistance to vessels in distress (including the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1916, and any other Act relating to those subjects) shall apply to aircraft on or over the sea of tidal waters as it applies to vessels, and the owner of an aircraft shall be entitled to a reasonable reward for salvage services rendered by the aircraft to any property or persons in any case where the owner of a ship would be so entitled, provided that provision may be made by Order in Council for making modifications of and exemptions from the provisions of such law and Acts as aforesaid in their application to aircraft to such an extent and in such manner as appears necessary or expedient:

And whereas by the same Act it is also enacted

that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make provision as to the Courts in which proceedings may be taken for enforcing any claim under the Act or any other claim in respect of aircraft and in particular may provide for conferring jurisdiction in any such proceedings on any Court exercising Admiralty jurisdiction and applying to such proceedings any rules of practice or procedure applicable to proceedings in Admiralty:

And whereas it appears expedient to make, in the application to aircraft of the law relating to wreck and to salvage, the modifications and exemptions and provisions hereinafter contained, and to confer jurisdiction in such matters as hereinafter appears:

And whereas the provisions of Section one of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

Now, therefore, His Majesty by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Him vested, by and with the advice of His Privy Council is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

- (1) Section 557 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, shall apply to aircraft and the word "ship" in the said Section shall include aircraft provided that in sub-sections (1) and (2) of the said Section the words "Air Council" shall be substituted for the word "Admiralty."
- (2) Every Court having Admiralty jurisdiction shall have jurisdiction over claims under Section 11 of the Air Navigation Act, 1920, and this Order.
- (3) The jurisdiction conferred by the said Act and by this Order may be exercised either by proceedings in rem or by proceedings in personam, provided that where the jurisdiction of any Court is limited as to the amount of the claim or as to the value of the property saved, the jurisdiction conferred by the said Act and by this Order shall be limited in the like manner.
- (4) The powers of all such Courts and the rules of practice and procedure for the time being in force in regard to the Admiralty jurisdiction of those Courts shall apply and be extended with such modification as may be necessary to claims under Section 11 of the Air Navigation Act, 1920, and this Order.
- (5) The expression "wreck" in Sections 510 to 516, both inclusive, and in Sections 518 to 537, both inclusive, of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, as amended by subsequent legislation (but save and except in so far as those Sections relate to the claims of any Admiral, Vice-Admiral, Lord of the Manor, heritable proprietor duly infeft, or any other person to unclaimed wreck for his own use) shall include any aircraft or any part thereof or cargo thereof found lying derelict, and any aircraft or any part thereof or cargo thereof shall be deemed to be wreck within the meaning of the said Sections when it is found lying derelict, upon or near the shores of the seas surrounding the United Kingdom or the tidal waters thereof or any ports or harbours thereof.
- (6) Section 518 of the Merchant Shipping