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TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1912.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.I.

Whereas We are happily at Peace with all Sovereigns, Powers, and States :

And whereas a State of War unhappily exists between His Imperial Majesty The Sultan of Turkey and His Majesty The King of the Bulgarians ; between His Imperial Majesty The Sultan of Turkey and His Majesty The King of the Hellenes ; between His Imperial Majesty The Sultan of Turkey and His Majesty The King of Montenegro ; and between His Imperial Majesty The Sultan of Turkey and His Majesty the King of Servia ; and between their respective Subjects, and others inhabiting within their Countries, Territories, or Dominions :

And whereas We are on Terms of Friendship and amicable intercourse with each of these Powers, and with their several Subjects, and others inhabiting within their Countries, Territories, or Dominions :

And whereas great Numbers of Our Loyal Subjects reside and carry on Commerce, and possess Property and Establishments, and enjoy various Rights and Privileges, within the

Dominions of each of the aforesaid Powers, protected by the Faith of Treaties between Us and each of the aforesaid Powers :

And whereas We, being desirous of preserving to Our Subjects the Blessings of Peace, which they now happily enjoy, are firmly purposed and determined to maintain a strict and impartial Neutrality in the said State of War unhappily existing between the aforesaid Powers :

We, therefore, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation :

And We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our loving Subjects to govern themselves accordingly, and to observe a strict neutrality in and during the aforesaid War, and to abstain from violating or contravening either the Laws and Statutes of the Realm in this behalf, or the Law of Nations in relation thereto, as they will answer to the contrary at their peril :

And whereas in and by a certain Statute made and passed in a Session of Parliament holden in the 33rd and 34th year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled " An Act to Regulate the conduct of Her Majesty's Subjects during the existence of Hostilities between Foreign States with which