

On enquiry at the United States Embassy shortly before midnight it was ascertained that no further communication had been received from Berlin.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has therefore no information as to the treatment accorded to British merchant ships and their cargoes in German ports, and has accordingly addressed the undermentioned notification to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury and to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

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*Foreign Office, S.W.,*

*Midnight, August 7th, 1914.*

MY LORDS,

I have the honour to state that no information has reached me that the treatment accorded to British merchant ships and their cargoes which were in German ports at the date of the outbreak of hostilities or which subsequently entered them is not less favourable than that accorded to enemy merchant ships by Articles III. to VIII. of the Order in Council issued on the 4th day of August, 1914, with reference to enemy ships being in British ports at the outbreak of hostilities or subsequently entering them. Articles III. to VIII. of the said Order in Council will therefore not come into operation.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships' most obedient humble servant,

E. GREY.

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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

PROHIBITING, UNDER SECTION 8 OF "THE CUSTOMS AND INLAND REVENUE ACT, 1879,"  
THE EXPORTATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM OF CERTAIN WARLIKE STORES,  
PROVISIONS AND VICTUAL.

GEORGE R.I.

**W**HEREAS by the 8th Section of "the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879," it is enacted that We may, by Proclamation or Order in Council, prohibit the exportation of, amongst other things, any articles which We shall judge capable of being converted into or made useful in increasing the quantity of military or naval stores, provisions, or any sort of victual which may be used as food for men :

AND WHEREAS by Our Proclamation dated the 3rd August, 1914, effect was given to the provisions of the above-recited section of the said Act of Parliament as regards the exportation of any articles which We judge capable of being converted into or made useful in increasing the quantity of military or naval stores by the prohibition of the exportation from the United Kingdom of certain military and naval stores as therein more particularly set forth

AND WHEREAS by Our further Proclamation dated the 5th August, 1914, further effect was given to Our said Proclamation of the 3rd August, 1914, by the prohibition of the exportation from the United Kingdom of "Forage and food of all kinds for animals" :

AND WHEREAS by Our said further Proclamation dated the 5th August, 1914, We, in further exercise of the power conferred by the above-recited section of the above Act of Parliament, did prohibit the exportation from the United Kingdom of "Provisions and victual of all sorts which may be used as food for men" :

AND WHEREAS, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, deem it expedient that certain additions should be made to the list of articles comprised in Our said Proclamations, dated respectively the 3rd August, 1914, and the 5th August, 1914, so far