

And whereas by Our Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, dated the sixth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, We did authorize and enjoin you, Our said Commissioners, to require Our High Court of Justice to take cognizance of prize matters arising out of the said war.

And whereas a state of war now also exists between this country and the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary, so that Our fleets and ships may lawfully seize all ships, vessels, and goods belonging to the said Dual Monarchy or the citizens and subjects thereof, or other persons inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the said Dual Monarchy and bring the same to judgment in such Courts of Admiralty within Our Dominions, Possessions, or Colonies as shall be duly commissioned to take cognizance thereof.

These are therefore to authorize, and We do hereby authorize and enjoin you, Our said Commissioners, now and for the time being, or any two or more of you, in addition to and in extension of the Warrant already given by you under Our said Commission of the sixth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, to will and require Our High Court of Justice and the Judges thereof, and the said High Court and the Judges thereof are hereby authorized and required to take cognizance of

and judicially to proceed upon all and all manner of captures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods already seized and taken, and which hereafter shall be seized and taken, and to hear and determine the same, and according to the course of Admiralty and the Law of Nations, and the Statutes, Rules and Regulations for the time being in force in that behalf, to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary or to the citizens or subjects thereof or to any other persons inhabiting within any of the countries, territories or dominions of the said Dual Monarchy, as well as the ships, vessels, and goods belonging to the German Empire or to the citizens or subjects thereof or to any other persons inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the said German Empire.

In witness whereof, We have caused the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to be put and affixed to these presents.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this twentieth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in the fifth year of Our Reign.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*.

The 20th day of August, 1914.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 12th day of August, 1914, in the words following, viz. :—

“ WHEREAS it is provided in Section 6 of the Indian Marine Service Act, 1884, that in case a state of War exists between Your Majesty and any foreign power, it shall be lawful for Your Majesty by Proclamation or Order in Council to direct that any vessel belonging to Your Majesty's Indian Marine Service and the Men and Officers from time to time serving thereon shall be under the command of the Senior Naval Officer of the Station where for the time being such ships may be :

“ And whereas it is provided that while any such vessel is under such command, such vessel shall be deemed to all intents a vessel of war of the Royal Navy, and the Men and Officers from time to time serving in such vessels shall be under such Naval Discipline Act or Acts as may be in force for the time being, and subject to such Regulations as may be issued by Us with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council :

“ And whereas a state of War exists between Your Majesty and the German Emperor :

“ And whereas the Government of Your Majesty in India has agreed to place unreservedly at the disposal of the Naval Commander-in-Chief on the East Indies Station Your Majesty's Indian Marine Service Vessel ‘ Dalhousie ’ :

“ Now, therefore, We beg leave to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that Your Majesty's Indian Marine Service Vessel ‘ Dalhousie ’ and the Men and Officers from time to time serving thereon shall be under the command of the Senior Naval Officer of the Station where for the time being such ship may be.

“ The Secretary of State for India in Council has signified his concurrence in these proposals.”

HIS MAJESTY, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY: