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TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1917.

BY THE KING.

## A PROCLAMATION

REQUIRING RETURNS TO BE MADE OF BRITISH PROPERTY IN TERRITORY IN HOSTILE OCCUPATION, AND CLAIMS BY BRITISH SUBJECTS AGAINST PERSONS, FIRMS, COMPANIES AND CORPORATIONS RESIDING OR CARRYING ON BUSINESS IN SUCH TERRITORY.

GEORGE R.I.

**W**HEREAS by Our Proclamation dated the 7th day of September, 1916, We strictly commanded and enjoined Our subjects within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, or within any country or place outside Our Dominions and Protectorates, who were entitled to property of any description whatsoever in enemy territory, or to any interest in such property, or had claims against enemy persons, to make returns of their said property or claims to the Public Trustee, Kingsway, London, W.C.2:

And whereas in the interests of Our Realm, it is of great importance that full information shall be obtained with regard to property belonging to Our subjects which is situate in territory in hostile occupation, and also with regard to claims of Our subjects against Persons, Firms, Companies and Corporations residing or carrying on business in such territory:

Now, therefore, We strictly command and

enjoin Our subjects within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, or within any country or place outside Our Dominions and Protectorates who are entitled to property of any description whatsoever which is situate in territory in hostile occupation, or to any interest in such property, or have claims against Persons, Firms, Companies and Corporations residing or carrying on business in such territory, forthwith to make returns of their said property or claims to the Public Trustee, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, in such form and with such particulars as he may require, provided that it shall not be necessary to make such returns respecting property or claims whereof returns have, before the date of this Proclamation, been already made to the Public Trustee.

The expression "territory in hostile occupation" means any territory forming part of Our territory or of that of an Allied or neutral State which is or may be in the effective military occupation of a State at war with Us.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this Twenty-seventh day of *November*, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.