

in exercise of the powers in this behalf by "The Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890," or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as "The China (Control of Shipbuilding) Order in Council, 1918," and shall be read as one with "The China Order in Council, 1904" (hereinafter called the "Principal Order"), and with any Order amending the same.

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to lay down, build, or construct, or to direct or assist in the laying down, building, or construction of a ship within the limits of the Principal Order without the previous consent in writing of the Minister, provided that this Article shall not apply to the completion of a ship which was actually under construction at the date of the making of this Order.

3. If any person lays down, builds, or constructs, or directs, or assists in the laying down, building, or construction of a ship in contravention of this Order, the ship, or part of a ship, so laid down or constructed shall be forfeited to the Crown, and the person so acting in contravention of this Order shall be liable to imprisonment, without hard labour, not exceeding six months, and to a fine not exceeding 500 dollars for every day during which such contravention continues; and, if such person be a company, every director and officer of the company shall be liable to the like penalty, unless he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge or consent.

4. This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of March, 1918.

And the Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein.

Almeric FitzRoy.

*Crown Office,
2nd February, 1918.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

South-East Lancashire, Prestwich Division.

Oswald Cawley, Esquire, commonly called The Honourable Oswald Cawley, in the place of the Right Honourable Sir Frederick Cawley, Baronet, who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of H.M. Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.

*Crown Office,
5th February, 1918.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Armagh, South Armagh Division.

Patrick Donnelly, Esquire, in the place of Charles O'Neill, Esquire, deceased.

CARGOES EX ENEMY VESSELS IN PORTUGUESE HARBOURS.

With reference to the notification which was published in the London Gazette of the 11th ult. respecting the release of Allied and neutral merchandise found on enemy vessels in Portuguese harbours, a translation is now ap-

pendent of the Portuguese Decree referred to therein:—

DECRETE No. 3745, JANUARY 3rd, 1918.

Having taken into consideration the representations made to me by the Ministers of all the Departments, I hereby decree, to have the force of law, as follows:—

ARTICLE I.

The period for the presentation of any claim for the delivery of the goods referred to in Article 32 of the Decree of the 20th of April, 1916,* is hereby extended to the 28th of February, 1918.

ARTICLE II.

The production of documents in support of fresh claims or of claims previously sent in, will only be admitted within the period laid down in the preceding Article.

ARTICLE III.

The provisions of Article 2 of the Decree No. 3246 of the 13th of July, 1917,† intended to simplify the regular procedure by the production of Legation certificates, shall be applicable to all claims for goods made within the period fixed by Article I. of the present Decree, provided the certificates are presented within the said period.

ARTICLE IV.

Legislation to the contrary is hereby revoked.

Seat of the Government of the Republic, January 3rd, 1918.

Sidonio Paes.

Antonio Maria de Azevedo Machado Santos.

Alberta de Moura Pinto.

Antonio dos Santos Viegas.

Antonio Aresta Branco.

Francisco Xavier Esteves.

Jaño Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa.

José Alfredo Mendes de Magalhães.

José Feliciano da Costa Junior.

Foreign Office,

2nd February, 1918.

* See London Gazette of May 30, 1916.

† See London Gazette of August 3, 1917.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that an Order was made on the 1st instant suspending, until the 1st day of June next, the Wild Birds Protection (Administrative County of Durham) Order of the 25th June, 1908, in so far as it prohibits the taking or destroying of the eggs of the Black-headed Gull.

The Order will be on sale shortly in Statutory Rule form.

Whitehall,

4th February, 1918.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,
February 4, 1918.*

The Secretary for Scotland has been pleased, by Warrant under his hand and seal, bearing date the 1st instant, to appoint Mr. Robert Lendrem-Ainslie to be Sheriff Clerk of the County of Peebles, in the room of Mr. John Ogilvie, appointed Sheriff Clerk and Steward Clerk of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.