

*Lord Chancellor's Office,
12th October, 1918.*

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that the Rule Committee of the Supreme Court have made Provisional Rules, as required by the Juries Act, 1918, directing the manner in which application for a Jury must be made.

Copies of these Provisional Rules may be obtained on application at H.M. Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2.

*Crown Office,
11th October, 1918.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to present The Rev. George Anselm Bennett, M.A., to the Vicarage of St. Mary's, Devonport, in the county of Devon and diocese of Exeter, void by the resignation of the last Incumbent and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

*Foreign Office,
October 12th, 1918.*

His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from the French Ambassador in London a communication, dated September 10th, 1918, giving notice of denunciation by the French Government, as from that date, of the following Commercial Conventions between France and the United Kingdom, which provide respectively for termination a year after notice of denunciation shall have been given by either of the High Contracting Parties:—

- (1) Convention of Commerce and Navigation, with Additional Articles, January 26th, 1826.
- (2) Convention respecting Commercial, Industrial and Financial Companies, April 30th, 1862.
- (3) Convention respecting Commercial and Maritime Relations, February 28th, 1882.
- (4) Convention respecting Commercial Relations between France and the Seychelles Islands, April 16th, 1902.
- (5) Convention respecting Commercial Relations between France and Jamaica, August 8th, 1902.
- (6) Convention respecting Commercial Relations between France and India, February 19th, 1903.
- (7) Convention respecting Commercial Relations between France and Ceylon, February 19th, 1903.
- (8) Convention respecting Commercial Relations between France and the British Protectorates of East Africa, Central Africa and Uganda, February 23rd, 1903.
- (9) Convention respecting Commercial Relations between France and Barbados, January 9th, 1907.
- (10) Convention respecting Commercial Relations between France and Canada, September 19th, 1907, and Supplementary Convention, January 23rd, 1909.

Also (11) Stipulations of the Convention of Commerce and Navigation between France and Egypt, November 26th, 1902 (Article xxvi.), in virtue of which reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment is assured in respect of the importation of the goods of the two countries.

In giving notice of denunciation of the above Conventions, the French Government have intimated their readiness to come to an arrangement whereby the various Conventions will remain in operation even after the period of denunciation has expired, subject to three months' notice on either side. This proposal is still under consideration.

Whitehall, October 14, 1918.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 11th instant, to appoint Sir Alan Garrett Anderson, K.B.E., to be an additional Member of the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply.

Whitehall, October 14, 1918.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 12th instant, to appoint Herbert Brent Grotrian, Esq., to be Recorder of the Borough of Scarborough, in the room of Arthur William Bairstow, Esq., K.C., who resigned on his appointment as a County Court Judge.

Whitehall, October 14, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in each of the following cases in recognition of gallantry displayed in saving life:—

Second Lieutenant John Patrick Tunn, 9th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

On the 19th July, 1918, as some Australian troops were advancing to an attack in France, one of the men tripped on some wire and a rifle grenade fell from his rifle to the ground with the pin out. Second Lieutenant Tunn, who was about 10 yards away, saw what had happened, and ran back and picked up the grenade. In doing so he also tripped on the wire and the grenade fell from his hand. He picked it up again, and as he did so it exploded and blew off his right hand, besides wounding him in the head. The men were unhurt.

Second Lieutenant Stanley Martin Reekie, M.M., Royal Fusiliers.

At Newmarket, on the 19th July, 1918, a bomb thrown during practice failed to clear the parapet and rolled back into the pit. The man who had thrown it lost his head, and instead of running out of the pit ran into a corner away from the entrance. Second Lieutenant Reekie, the bombing officer, who was in a position of safety, saw that there was no time to get the man out of the pit, and deliberately entered the pit and stood between the man and the bomb, shielding him with his body. The bomb exploded and the officer was seriously wounded, but the man escaped injury.

Private James McLaughlin, 1/5th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, attached 157th Light Trench Mortar Battery.

On the 2nd August, 1918, Private McLaughlin, in the course of his duty, was examining a Stokes Mortar shell in a