

**CARGOES EX ENEMY VESSELS SEIZED
BY PORTUGAL.**

*Foreign Office,
October 4th, 1920.*

With reference to the notification which was published in the London Gazette of May 18 last, respecting the release of Allied and Neutral merchandise found on enemy vessels in Portuguese harbours, a translation of a further Decree now issued by the Portuguese Government is appended:—

DECREE No. 6928, September 11, 1920.
(Translation.)

The state of war having now ceased and it being desirable to provide for the delivery from henceforward on a normal basis of the goods belonging to Allies or Neutrals, discharged from the enemy ships seized in Portuguese waters, and thus return to the observance of the Customs legislation as far as it may be applicable: I hereby, having heard the advice of the Council of Ministers and in accordance with the provisions of the sole paragraph of Article 2 of the Decree No. 4560 of the 8th of July, 1918, decree as follows:—

ARTICLE I.

From the date of this Decree, the delivery is permitted, in accordance with Portuguese Customs legislation, of the goods which were on board the ships of enemy nationality seized in the ports of Portugal, her Islands and Colonies, and which at the time of the seizure of the vessel conveying them were the legitimate and undoubted property of persons or bodies of Neutral or Allied nationality who had not disposed of them by a sale completed by the receipt of an equivalent of their value.

(1.) Claims for delivery, duly supported by documents, shall be produced at the head offices of the Custom Houses.

ARTICLE II.

In cases in which the documents of ownership of the goods are missing, the procedure to be followed is that prescribed in Article 478 of the Regulations of January 31st, 1888.

ARTICLE III.

If the goods have already been sold at a public auction the owners shall receive the proceeds thereof in cash, once their right has been established in accordance with the terms of this Decree.

(1.) In the case of goods already requisitioned the owners shall receive their value in accordance with the respective records.

ARTICLE IV.

The owners of the goods or their legal representatives may lodge a petition at the Custom Houses praying that an advertised auction shall not take place; such petition shall have a suspending effect when authenticated by the competent Consulate.

(1.) If after the expiration of thirty days counting from the presentation of the petition the party concerned has not produced the documents necessary to support his right as owner of the goods, founded on the records of the case, the suspending effect referred to in this Article shall cease, without prejudice to the right conferred by Article III.

ARTICLE V.

Claims concerning the ownership of goods belonging to Neutrals and Allies, at present within the jurisdiction of the procurator of the Republic, may, on a previous authorisation from the Government, be transferred to the respective Custom Houses if the parties concerned agree thereto.

ARTICLE VI.

The Custom Houses shall always demand from the claimants a duly authenticated certificate in which the Consul concerned attests to the nationality of the goods in accordance with the terms of Article 1.

ARTICLE VII.

Legislation to the contrary is hereby revoked. The President of the Ministry and the Ministers of all the Departments shall accordingly carry this Decree into effect.

Seat of the Government of the Republic, the 11th of September, 1920.

Antonio Jose de Almeida.

(Here follow the signatures of Ministers.)

*Foreign Office,
October 6, 1920.*

It is hereby notified that His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs this day received from Señor Don Eduardo Pérez-Triana his Letters of Credence as Chargé d'Affaires of the Republic of Nicaragua.

Whitehall, 14 August, 1920.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto Eustace Parker, of Far Croft, Market Drayton, in the County of Salop, Esquire, and to Wilma Mary Garnault, his Wife, His Royal Licence and Authority that they may take and henceforth use the surname of Bowles in lieu of that of Parker, that he, the said Eustace Parker, may bear the Arms of Bowles quarterly with those of his own family, and that the said surname and Arms may in like manner be taken, borne and used by the issue of their marriage; the said Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal Licence and Permission be void and of none effect.

And to command that the said Royal Concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms.

o.s.

Whitehall, October 5, 1920.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to grant permission to wear the undermentioned Decorations, which have been conferred in recognition of valuable services rendered during the War:—

DECORATION CONFERRED BY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC.

OFFICIER DE L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE.
Theodore Emile Salvesen, Esq., Consular
Agent of France at Edinburgh.