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PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

IN the Name of His Majesty GEORGE THE FIFTH, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir ROBERT CHALMERS, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Vice-Admiral of Ceylon.

KNOW Ye that We, the Governor and Vice-Admiral of Ceylon, being satisfied thereof by information received by Us, do hereby declare that war has broken out between His Most Gracious Majesty and the German Emperor.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Fourteen.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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By His Excellency Sir ROBERT CHALMERS, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

KNOW Ye that We, the Governor of Ceylon, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the Order of Her Majesty the Queen in Council, made the Twenty-sixth day of October, 1896, do hereby proclaim and publish the said Order, and do declare that the same shall come into operation in the Colony of Ceylon on and from the date of this Our Proclamation.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Fourteen.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

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At the Court at Balmoral, the 26th day of October, 1896.

Present :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
LORD PRIVY SEAL.
DUKE OF FIFE, K.T.
SIR FLEETWOOD EDWARDS.

IT is hereby ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, as follows :—

I.—This Order shall apply to and have effect in all or any of the Colonies specified in the schedule hereto in which it shall be proclaimed by the Governor of the Colony, and shall come into operation in each such Colony on being so proclaimed therein, and shall continue in operation therein until the Governor shall by Proclamation declare that it has ceased to be in operation therein.

II.—In this Order the words "the Colony" mean any Colony specified in the schedule hereto and its Dependencies, and the term "Governor" means the person for the time being administering the Government of the Colony.

III.—So long as this Order shall be in operation in any Colony the following provisions shall have effect :—

1. Every person who shall for the time being be within the limits of the Colony shall be subject to military law for the purposes of the Army Act, and the said Act shall, subject to the provisions of this Order, be deemed to apply to such person in the same manner as if such person had been a person accompanying Her Majesty's troops, or some portion thereof, when employed in active service beyond the seas, and such person shall, for the purposes of the said Act, be deemed to be under the command of the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's troops.

Provided that a person who is by virtue of this Order subject to military law shall, unless the Governor directs otherwise, be tried by a competent Civil Court and not by court martial for any offence for which he would be triable if he were not subject to military law.

Provided also that a person who is by virtue of this Order subject to military law may, if the Governor so directs, be tried for any offence punishable under the Army Act by a Civil Court, that is to say, by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, in a summary manner, if the offence is not punishable by death or penal servitude and if the Court considers that it would be adequately punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, and in all other cases by the same Court and in the same manner as if the offence with which such person is charged were an offence against the civil law not triable by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

2. Any declaration made by the Governor under section 189 of the Army Act shall be deemed to apply to every military force raised in the Colony.

3. The Governor may order any person to quit the Colony, or any part of or place in the Colony, to be specified in such order, and if any person shall refuse to obey any such order the Governor may cause him to be arrested and removed from the Colony, or from such part thereof, or place therein, and for that purpose to be placed on board of any ship or boat.

4. The Governor may make any regulations or orders respecting any port or harbour in the Colony, and the movement or location of ships and boats therein, or in any waters of the Colony, and any provision of any Law of the Colony which may be inconsistent with any regulation or order made by the Governor under this sub-clause shall be suspended and of no effect during the continuance of such regulation or order. Provided that no such regulation or order shall be put in force in such a manner as to be prejudicial to the action of Her Majesty's Naval or Military Forces.

5. The Governor may require any person to do any work or render any personal service which the Governor may think necessary to order in aid of or in connection with the defence of the Colony.

6. The Governor may require any person to supply any animals, vehicles, ships, boats, or other personal property belonging to or under the control of such person to the Government, if such property be required in aid of or in connection with the defence of the Colony, and in default of the person supplying the same may seize and take possession of and retain any such animals, vehicles, boats, or other personal property for such purposes.

7. The Governor may take and retain for such period as he may think necessary possession for public purposes any land or building or other property, including gasworks and works for the supply of electric light, waterworks, wells, and springs of water, tanks, and other receptacles of rain water, and may, if he think it necessary for the purposes of the defence of the Colony, cause any buildings to be pulled down and removed and any property to be removed from one place to another, or to be destroyed.

8. The Governor may direct that all the resources of any railway in the Colony shall be placed at his disposal for any purpose which he considers necessary in connection with the defence of the Colony, and no liability whatever shall be incurred on account of any interference with the regular traffic which may thus be occasioned.

9. The Governor may seize and take possession of any grain, article of food, coal or other fuel, and mineral oils within the limits of the Colony, and may sell any grain, article of food, coals, fuel, and oils so seized and taken at such prices as may be determined by the Board hereinafter mentioned, and the moneys to be received for such sales shall be paid into the Treasury of the Colony.

10. The Governor may, by Proclamation, prescribe the maximum price for which any article of food may be sold by retail, and any person who after such Proclamation, and until it shall have been revoked, shall sell any article of food at a higher price than the price so prescribed, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Order, and shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not exceeding £5, or an equivalent sum in the case of a Colony having a silver currency, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

11. The Governor may take any steps he may consider necessary in the interests of the defence of the Colony for controlling the trade in beer, wine, or spirits.

12. The Governor shall, out of the public funds of the Colony, pay to every person who shall be required to do any personal service by virtue of this Order such remuneration, and to every person whose property shall be taken, including any grain, article of food, coals, or other fuel taken by virtue of sub-clause 9 of this clause, or temporarily taken possession of or removed or destroyed by virtue of this Order, such compensation as shall be agreed on between the Governor and such person, and in default of agreement, such remuneration or compensation as shall be awarded by the Board hereinafter mentioned, whose award shall be final.

13. For the purpose of determining the amount of any remuneration or compensation payable under this Order, and the prices at which any grain, article of food, coal, or other fuel, taken under sub-clause 9 of this Order may be sold to the inhabitants, the Governor shall appoint a Board consisting of five persons, of whom one shall be a Judge or Stipendiary Magistrate, two shall be officers either in the service of the Civil Government of the Colony or in Her Majesty's Naval or Military Service, and the other two shall be inhabitants of the Colony. All questions referred to the said Board shall, in case of a difference of opinion, be decided by the votes of the majority of the members. The Judge or Stipendiary Magistrate shall be the Chairman of the Board.

14. The said Board in fixing the price to be paid for articles taken under sub-clause 9 of this clause shall not make any addition on account of the purchase being compulsory, and they shall fix the prices at which such articles shall be sold at such rates as will, except under special circumstances, recoup to the Government the cost of purchasing the same and other expenses incidental thereto.

15. Any person authorized by the Governor in writing in that behalf may enter upon and into any land, house, or other building in the Colony, and examine and inspect such land or building and every or any part thereof, and, in case of opposition or obstruction, may use force to effect such entry, examination, and inspection, and shall not be liable for any damage directly or indirectly occasioned by such forcible entry.

16. Every person who refuses or neglects to obey or comply with any order or requisition made under this Order, or does anything whereby the execution of any such order or requisition is prevented or hindered, or with intent to prevent or hinder the execution of any such order or requisition, shall be guilty of an offence against this Order, and shall, on summary conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not less than 40s. and not more than £10, or equivalent sums in the case of a Colony having a silver currency, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

17. If any person shall, by obeying any order or requisition made under this Order, be prevented from fulfilling any contract, such person shall not be deemed to have thereby committed a breach of contract, but such contract shall be deemed to be suspended by such order or requisition so far as its fulfilment is thereby rendered impossible.

18. The Governor may by Proclamation postpone for such period as he may think necessary or just and expedient the time at which any rent or other moneys shall become due and payable, and particularly may so extend the period of maturity of bills or other negotiable instruments payable in the Colony, and may suspend for such time as he may think right the execution of the judgment of any Court of Civil Judicature and the enforcement of any process of eviction or other process for the recovery of the possession of property in default of payment of rent, if he shall consider that, owing to circumstances arising out of the state of war or the immediate apprehension of war, the immediate execution of such judgments or enforcement of such process would be inequitable or inexpedient.

IV.—Sub-clauses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 15 of clause III. of this Order shall not apply to any person in Her Majesty's Naval or Military Service, or to any of Her Majesty's ships, or to any property belonging to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty or to the Secretary of State for War.

J. H. HARRISON.

SCHEDULE.

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| St. Lucia. | Mauritius. |
| Sierra Leone. | Straits Settlements. |
| Ceylon. | St. Helena. |

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K NOW Ye that We, the Governor of Ceylon, in the exercise of the powers vested in Us by section 13 of the Volunteer Ordinance, No. 8 of 1910, do hereby call out for active service the following corps of the Ceylon Volunteer Force:—Ceylon Artillery Volunteers.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand Nine hundred and Fourteen.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

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