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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 Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

KNOW Ye that We, the Governor of Ceylon, do proclaim as follows :

Martial Law is hereby terminated in the Colony from and after 12 o'clock midnight of the Thirtieth day of August, 1915.

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

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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.

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ROBERT CHALMERS.

KNOW Ye that We, the Governor of Ceylon, do hereby proclaim and publish the Order of His Majesty the King in Council, of the 12th day of August, 1915, set out in the schedule to this Proclamation :

And We do hereby notify that the same is in force in the Colony from and after 12 o'clock midnight of the Thirtieth day of August, 1915, and do call upon His Majesty's loyal subjects and all other persons being in the said Colony to govern themselves accordingly.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Thirtieth day of August, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Fifteen.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

SCHEDULE.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of August, 1915.

Present,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

Lord President | Lord Stamfordham | Sir G. Fleetwood Wilson.

WHEREAS His Majesty has power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Colony of Ceylon (in this Order referred to as "the Colony") :

And whereas it has been found necessary by the Governor of Ceylon to proclaim that certain Provinces of the Colony shall be subject to martial law for the time being :

And whereas it is desirable to withdraw martial law from the Provinces in which it has been proclaimed and to indemnify acts, matters, and things in good faith advised, commanded, ordered, directed or done while martial law was in force :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of all powers vested in Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. No action, prosecution or legal proceeding whatsoever shall be brought, instituted, or maintained against the Governor of Ceylon, or the person for the time being or at any time commanding the troops in the Colony, or against any person or persons acting under them or any of them respectively in any command or capacity civil or military, or in pursuance of any orders general or special given by them or any of them in that behalf, for or on account of or in respect of any acts, matters, or things whatsoever in good faith advised, commanded, ordered, directed or done for the maintenance of good order and government or for the public safety of the Colony between the date of the commencement of martial law and the date of the taking effect of this Order.

2. Every such person aforesaid by whom any such act, matter, or thing shall have been advised, commanded, ordered, directed or done for the purposes aforesaid shall be freed, acquitted, discharged, released and indemnified against all and every person and persons whomsoever in respect thereof.

3. Every such act, matter, or thing referred to in the preceding articles shall be presumed to have been advised, commanded, ordered, directed or done as the case may be in good faith until the contrary shall have been proved by the party complaining.

4. The several sentences and orders pronounced by military courts held in the Colony during the continuance of martial law are hereby confirmed, and all persons tried by such courts and confined in any prisons or other legal places of confinement in the Colony under or by virtue of such sentences shall continue liable to be confined there or elsewhere as the Governor may direct until the expiration of the sentences respectively passed upon them or until their discharge by lawful authority ; and such sentences shall be deemed to be sentences passed by duly and legally constituted Courts of the Colony and shall be carried out or otherwise dealt with in the same manner as the sentences of duly constituted Courts of Law of the Colony.

5. All persons who have been in good faith under proper military or police authority arrested or detained during the existence of martial law shall be deemed to have been lawfully arrested or detained.

6. Every bond taken during the existence of martial law upon which any person so arrested or detained has been admitted to bail shall be and is hereby declared to be of full force and effect.

7. Every bond executed during the existence of martial law for the payment of any contribution in respect of damages caused by mobs or any expenses incidental to or consequent upon such damages shall be and is hereby declared to be of full force and effect.

8. This Order may be cited for all purposes as "The Ceylon Indemnity Order in Council, 1915," and shall come into operation and take effect upon the date on which martial law shall be terminated in the Colony by Proclamation of the Governor of Ceylon.

ALMERIC FITZ ROY.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following officers have been appointed by His Excellency the Governor to be Special Commissioners for the districts as given below :—

Western Province.

The Hon. Mr. J. G. Fraser, C.M.G.
Mr. C. V. Brayne.
Mr. H. M-M. Moore.
Mr. T. G. Willett.
Mr. N. Izat.
Mr. W. L. Murphy.
Mr. E. B. Sueter.

Kalutara.

Mr. R. A. G. Festing.

Central Province.

The Hon. Mr. C. S. Vaughan.
Mr. M. Stevenson.
Mr. G. S. Wodeman.
Mr. J. Devane.
Mr. H. W. Codrington.

Nuwara Eliya District.

Mr. A. W. Seymour.
Mr. T. A. Hodson.

Southern Province.

The Hon. Mr. R. B. Hellings.
Mr. L. J. B. Turner.
Mr. M. T. Archibald.

Matara District.

Mr. G. F. R. Browning.

North-Western Province.

Mr. C. R. Cumberland.
Mr. C. H. Collins.

Puttalam-Chilaw District.

Mr. H. W. Codrington.
Mr. C. H. Collins.

Province of Sabaragamuwa.

Mr. R. N. Thaine.
Mr. G. F. Forrest.
Mr. B. G. de Glanville.

Kegalla District.

Mr. H. A. Burden.

Colombo Municipality and District.

Mr. R. W. Byrde.
Mr. A. C. Allnutt.
Mr. J. Devane.

Their functions will be—

(a) To inquire into all crimes and offences connected with the recent riots and disturbances in the towns and villages of the district for which they are appointed.

(b) To inquire into and assess all damage to property caused by rioters and others in the towns and villages in their district.

(c) To arrange for the payment of compensation for such damage, and for that purpose to secure contributions from the inhabitants of the said towns and villages.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, August 30, 1915.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.