



ORDER IN COUNCIL FOR RESTRICTING THE COMMERCE OF JAPAN.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of December, 1941.

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by reason of her unprovoked aggression His Majesty has been compelled to proclaim the existence of a state of war with Japan :

And whereas Japan has carried out attacks against British, United States, and other territories, without previous warning either in the form of a declaration of war or of an ultimatum with a conditional declaration of war, in flagrant violation of international law and particularly of Article I of the Third Hague Convention, relative to the opening of hostilities, to which both Japan and the United Kingdom are parties :

And whereas after the outbreak of the present war Japan signed a treaty of co-operation and mutual assistance with Germany and Italy dated the 27th day of September, 1940, and has from time to time by her actions and declarations manifested the clear intention of affording Germany and Italy support and assistance in the protection of their hostilities against His Majesty :

And whereas on the 11th day of December, 1941, the said treaty was supplemented by a treaty of military alliance between the three Powers, and Japan is accordingly now allied with Germany and Italy in the present war :

And whereas these facts give to His Majesty an unquestionable right of retaliation by applying to the commerce of Japan measures similar to those taken against that of Germany and Italy :

And whereas by Orders in Council dated the 27th day of November, 1939,* the 11th day of June, 1940,† and the 17th‡ and 31st days of July, 1940,§ His Majesty was pleased to direct certain measures to be taken against German and Italian commerce as an act of retaliation against illegal acts referred to in the said orders :

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Subject to the substitution of the 7th day of December, 1941, for the 4th day of December, 1939, in Articles 1 and 2 of Order in Council dated the 27th day of November, 1939, the said Order and Orders in Council dated the 17th and 31st days of July, 1940, shall apply for restricting the commerce of Japan in the same manner as they apply for restricting that of Germany and Italy.

RUPERT B. HOWORTH.

* Statutory Regulations 1940, Serial number 1940/4, page 6.

† Statutory Regulations 1940, Serial number 1940/174, page 573.

‡ Statutory Regulations 1941, Serial number 1941/252, page 816.

§ Statutory Regulations 1940, Serial number 1940/175, page 574.

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