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Declaration of London.

HIS Excellency the Governor hereby notifies for the information of the public that an Order in Council has been issued by His Majesty in Council on the twenty-ninth of October, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, repealing the Order in Council of the twentieth of August, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twelfth of October, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in lieu thereof providing as follows:—

1. During the present hostilities the provisions of the Convention known as the Declaration of London shall, subject to the exclusion of the list of contraband and non-contraband, and to the modifications hereinafter set out, be adopted and put in force by His Majesty's Government.

The modifications are as follows:—

- (i.) A neutral vessel, with papers indicating a neutral destination, which, notwithstanding the destination shown on the papers, proceeds to an enemy port shall be liable to capture and condemnation if she is encountered before the end of her next voyage.
- (ii.) The destination referred to in Article thirty-three of the said Declaration shall (in addition to the presumptions laid down in Article thirty-four) be presumed to exist if the goods are consigned to or for an agent of the enemy State.
- (iii.) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article thirty-five of the said Declaration, conditional contraband shall be liable to capture on board a vessel bound for a neutral port if the goods are consigned "to order," or if the ship's papers do not show who is the consignee of the goods, or if they show a consignee of the goods in territory belonging to or occupied by the enemy.
- (iv.) In the cases covered by the preceding paragraph (iii) it shall be upon the owners of the goods to prove that their destination was innocent.

2. Where it is shown to the satisfaction of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State that the enemy Government is drawing supplies for its armed force from or through a neutral country, he may direct that in respect of ships bound for a port in that country Article thirty-five of the said Declaration shall not apply. Such direction shall be notified in the *London Gazette* and shall operate until the same is withdrawn. So long as such direction is in force, a vessel which is carrying conditional contraband to a port in that country shall not be immune from capture.

Government House,
 Wellington, 3rd November, 1914.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.