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THE following Order issued by His Majesty in Council is herein published for the information of the public and of all whom it may concern.

J. ALLEN,
 Minister of Defence.

ORDER IN COUNCIL
 FOR THE
 GRANTING OF DAYS OF GRACE.

HIS MAJESTY, being mindful (now that a state of war exists between this country and Germany) of the recognition accorded to the practice of granting days of grace to enemy merchant ships by the Convention relative to the Status of Enemy Merchant Ships at the Outbreak of Hostilities, signed at The Hague on the 18th October, 1907, and being desirous of lessening, so far as may be practicable, the injury caused by war to peaceful and unsuspecting commerce, is pleased, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. From and after the publication of this Order no enemy merchant ship shall be allowed to depart, except in accordance with the provisions of this Order, from any British port or from any ports in any Native State in India, or in any of His Majesty's Protectorates, or in any State under His Majesty's protection, or in Cyprus.

2. In the event of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State being satisfied by information reaching him not later than midnight on Friday, the seventh day of August instant, that the treatment accorded to British merchant ships and their cargoes which at the date of the outbreak of hostilities were in the ports of the enemy, or which subsequently entered them, is not less favourable than the treatment accorded to enemy merchant ships by Articles 3 to 7 of this Order, he shall notify the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty accordingly, and public notice thereof shall forthwith be given in the *London Gazette*, and Articles 3 to 8 of this Order shall thereupon come into full force and effect.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Order, enemy merchant ships which—

- (i.) At the date of the outbreak of hostilities were in any port in which this Order applies ; or
- (ii.) Cleared from their last port before the declaration of war, and, after the outbreak of hostilities, enter a port to which this Order applies, with no knowledge of the war—

shall be allowed up till midnight (Greenwich mean time) on Friday, the fourteenth day of August instant, for loading or unloading their cargoes, and for departing from such port :