

for Foreign Affairs on behalf of any person who, not being at the time in the Service of the Crown, is either in the salaried employment of a Foreign State or has rendered valuable services within the period of two years immediately preceding the notification of the Decoration to His Majesty's Government as prescribed under Rule 5.

The expression "valuable services" must be construed as meaning some service rendered to a Foreign Head of State or Government specifically, and must be indisputably valuable in the strict sense of the word. Though such services need not necessarily be gratuitous, as in the case of a person actually in the employ of a Foreign Government, they must be unconnected with any transaction of a commercial or financial character brought about in the ordinary course of business. The term "valuable services" does not therefore, as a general rule, apply to services connected with the fulfilment of Government or Municipal contracts, the financing of Government or Municipal loans. It also does not include Red Cross Services, presentation of objects of value to Public Museums and Institutions, pecuniary donations or endowments, personal performances, services in connection with Exhibitions and Industrial Congresses, services in the domain of art, literature, science, education, and agriculture, services rendered by British subjects in the capacity of honorary foreign Consular Officers.

4. Private or restricted permission is contemplated for Decorations which have been conferred in recognition of personal attention to the Head of a Foreign State or Member of a Reigning House, and which are therefore of a more or less complimentary character. Private permission is as a rule only given on exceptional occasions, when in the public interest and for political reasons it is deemed expedient that the acceptance of a Foreign Declaration should not be declined.

5. Both in the case of full and in that of private permission the matter will be submitted to the King by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The desire of the Head of a Foreign State to confer upon a British subject the Insignia of an Order, or the fact that he has done so, must be notified to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs either through the British Diplomatic Representative accredited to the Head of the Foreign State, or through the Diplomatic Representative of the latter at the Court of St. James. His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs shall be under no obligation to consider claims that are not brought to his notice through one of these channels.

6. When His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs shall have taken the King's pleasure on any such application, and shall have obtained His Majesty's permission for the person in whose favour it has been made to wear the Insignia of a Foreign Order, he shall signify the same to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, in order that he may cause a Warrant, if it be a case for the issue of a Warrant as defined in Rule 2, to be prepared for the Royal Sign-Manual.

When such Warrant shall have been signed by the King, a notification thereof shall be inserted in the "Gazette," stating the service for which the Foreign Order has been conferred.

Persons in whose favour such Warrants are issued will be required to pay to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department a stamp duty of 10s.

7. The Warrant signifying His Majesty's permission may, at the request and at the expense of the person who has obtained it, be registered in the College of Arms. Every such Warrant as aforesaid shall contain a clause providing that His Majesty's licence and permission does not authorize the assumption of any style, appellation, rank, precedence, or privilege appertaining to a Knight Bachelor of His Majesty's Realms.

8. When a British subject has received the Royal permission, full or private, to accept and wear the Decoration of a Foreign Order, he will not be allowed to accept the Decoration of a higher class of the same Order without His Majesty's approval. His Majesty will in such cases grant permission only if the promotion in the Order is conferred for fresh services which come within these Regulations.

9. These Regulations apply only to Orders of Chivalry. Decorations conferred by Private Societies and Decorations of a purely academic nature, and all Decorations not being Orders of Chivalry, may be accepted without His Majesty's permission, but must not be worn.

Exception is made in the case of a few Foreign Orders, which, though not in strictness Orders of Chivalry, yet are of such a high distinction that, for the purpose of these Regulations, they are to be considered and treated as Orders of Chivalry.

10. Ladies are subject to the Regulations in all respects in the same manner as men.]

#### Medals.

11. Medals which constitute a particular class of a Foreign Order are subject in all respects to the Regulations in the same manner as higher grades of the Order, except that permission to wear will be given by Letter and not by Royal Warrant.

12. Medals for saving or attempting to save life at sea or on land conferred on behalf of the Head or Government of a Foreign State may be accepted without His Majesty's special permission, and may be worn at Court.

13. Medals conferred by Private Societies or Institutions and Commemorative Medals may be accepted without permission, but none of these Medals can be worn.

14. The King's permission must be obtained for any other Medal to be worn. No permission is needed to accept a Foreign Medal if it is not intended to be worn.

15. His Majesty will not grant permission to wear any Foreign War Medal if the person on whom it is to be or has been conferred was during the war acting in contravention of the Foreign Enlistment Act.

Foreign Office, March 10, 1914.

#### Special Order made by the Ohura County Council altering Boundaries of Ridings.

Department of Internal Affairs,  
Wellington, 10th August, 1914.

THE following special order, made by the Ohura County Council, is published in accordance with the provisions of the Counties Act, 1908.

H. D. BELL,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

#### OHURA COUNTY COUNCIL.

Special Order adopted by the Ohura County Council at a Special Meeting held on the 10th Day of June, 1914, and confirmed at a Subsequent Special Meeting held on the 15th Day of July, 1914.

THAT, for the purpose of better adjustment of representation, the Council resolves, by way of special order, that the number of ridings within the County of Ohura, and the representation of the same, remain as at present, the boundaries of the ridings to be as given below. Such special order to come into full force and effect only at the next county election in November, 1914, except in so far and to such extent as may be necessary for preparing any rolls or otherwise providing for such election.

#### Waitewhena Riding.

All that area in the Ohura County bounded towards the north generally by the Waitomo County from the Mokau River to the Waitewhena Road; thence by Sections 6 and 9, Block VI, Aria Survey District, to the western boundary of Section 5, Block VII; thence south by Sections 7, 8, 9, Block XI, Aria Survey District, and Section 26, Block XV, Aria Survey District; thence by Sections 24 and 20, Block XIV, Aria Survey District; thence by Sections 20 and 3, Block II, Ohura Survey District, to the Prentice Road; thence along the said Prentice Road to the Ohura Road; thence by the said Ohura Road to its junction with the Waitewhena Road to a point in line with the north boundary of Taurangi Block No. 4; thence by a right line to and by the northern boundary of that block to its northernmost corner; thence towards the west generally by Section 5, Block I, Ohura Survey District, to Aratau Trig. Station; thence by Sections 3, 2, Block I, Ohura Survey District, to the northern boundary of that block; thence again towards the south by the said Blocks XII, X, and IX, Mokau Survey District, to the county boundary; thence again towards the west generally by Clifton and Awakino Counties to the place of commencement.

#### Nihoniho Riding.

All that area in the Ohura County bounded towards the north by Section 5, Block VII, Aria Survey District, to the Waikaka Stream; thence by Section 1, Block XI, Aria Survey District, and Section 4, Block VIII, Aria Survey District, to the Ohura-Mokau Road; thence south in a straight line by Section 61, Block XII, Aria Survey District, and Section 9, Block XII, Aria Survey District, to Section No. 3, Taranui, Block XVI, Aria Survey District; thence by the said Section No. 3, Taranui, to the northernmost corner of Section 16, Block XV, Aria Survey District; thence in a south-westerly direction by the said Sections 16, 18, 17, 15, Block XV, Aria Survey District, to the Ohura River; thence by the said Ohura River to the railway reserve and the Ohura Road; thence north by the said Ohura Road to the north-western corner of Section 1, Block 4, Ohura Survey