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*Constitution of Prize Courts.*

[L.S.]

LIVERPOOL. Governor and Vice-Admiral.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by section two of the Prize Courts Act, 1894 (Imperial), it is enacted that any Commission, Warrant, or instructions from His Majesty the King or the Admiralty for the purpose of commissioning or regulating the procedure of a Prize Court in a British possession may, notwithstanding the existence of peace, be issued at any time, with a direction that the Court shall act only upon Proclamation made in that possession by the Vice-Admiral thereof that war has broken out between His Majesty and any foreign State: And whereas in pursuance of the said enactment the Lords of the Admiralty have by Warrant under the Seal of the Office of Admiralty, and dated the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, authorized and required the Supreme Court of New Zealand and the Chief Justice of New Zealand and all others the Judges for the time being of the said Court, upon Proclamation being made as aforesaid, to take cognizance of and judicially to proceed upon all manner of captures, recaptures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods which shall on the outbreak of war have been already seized and taken, or which shall thereafter be seized and taken, and which are or shall be brought within the limits of the said Court, and all other matters of prize falling within the jurisdiction of the said Court, and to hear and determine the same according to the course of Admiralty and the Law of Nations and the statutes, rules, and regulations in that behalf for the time being in force, and to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the foreign State named in such Proclamation, or to the subjects of such State, or to any others inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the same, or which are otherwise condemnable as prize and which shall be brought before the said Supreme Court for adjudication and condemnation: