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*British Steamships not to proceed on any Voyage without a License.*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor hereby notifies, for the information of the public, that the following Order in Council has been issued by His Majesty the King.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the fifteenth day of February, 1916.

Present:

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS a state of war exists between His Majesty and the German Emperor, the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, the Sultan of Turkey, and the King of the Bulgarians:

And whereas His Majesty holds it to be His prerogative duty as well as His prerogative right to take all steps necessary for the defence and protection of the Realm:

And whereas His Majesty did by Order in Council dated November the tenth, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, prohibit the carriage of cargo by any British steamer exceeding five hundred tons gross tonnage registered in the United Kingdom from one foreign port to another unless exempted by license:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that it is essential to the defence and protection of the Realm that in the exercise of His prerogative as aforesaid He should prohibit as from and after the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, any British steamship registered in the United Kingdom exceeding five hundred tons gross tonnage, except steamships engaged in the coasting trade of the United Kingdom, from proceeding on any voyage unless the owner or charterer of such steamship has been granted a license as hereinafter provided:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, and in the exercise of His prerogatives as aforesaid, and of all other powers Him thereunto enabling, to order and it is hereby ordered that from and after the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, no British steamship registered in the United Kingdom exceeding five hundred tons gross tonnage, except steamships engaged in the coasting trade of the United Kingdom, shall proceed on any voyage unless a license to do