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Restrictions on Enemy Commerce.

HIS Excellency the Governor hereby notifies, for the information of the public, that the following Orders in Council have been issued by His Majesty the King.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the tenth day of January, 1917.

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, on the eleventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, an Order was issued by His Majesty in Council directing that all ships which sailed from their ports of departure after the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, might be required to discharge in a British or Allied port goods which were of enemy origin or of enemy destination, or which were enemy property :

And whereas such Order in Council was consequent upon certain Orders issued by the German Government purporting to declare, in violation of the usages of war, the waters surrounding the United Kingdom a military area, in which all British and Allied merchant vessels would be destroyed, irrespective of the lives of passengers and crew, and in which neutral shipping would be exposed to similar danger, in view of the uncertainties of naval warfare :

And whereas the sinking of British, Allied, and neutral merchant ships, irrespective of the lives of passengers and crews, and in violation of the usages of war, has not been confined to the waters surrounding the United Kingdom, but has taken place in a large portion of the area of naval operations :

And whereas such illegal acts have been committed not only by German warships but by warships flying the flag of each of the enemy countries :

And whereas on account of the extension of the scope of the illegal operations carried out under the said German Orders, and in retaliation therefor, vessels have been required, under the provisions of the Order in Council aforementioned, to discharge in a British or Allied port goods which were of enemy origin or of enemy destination, or which were enemy property, irrespective of the enemy country from or to which such goods were going or of the enemy country in which was domiciled the person whose property they were :

And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the term " enemy " in Articles 3 and 4 of the said Order in Council includes enemy countries other than Germany :