

lations of the 19th December, 1918, applies) is about to leave any port of Europe, Asia, or Egypt for New Zealand, with members of a New Zealand Expeditionary Force on board, after the 14th day of February, 1919, and before the 10th day of April, 1919 (being the day appointed for the taking of the special licensing poll), the High Commissioner shall himself cause to be supplied, or by telegram or letter direct that there be supplied, to the military officer in charge a ballot-box or ballot-boxes, together with a sufficient number of voting-papers for the taking of the votes of the members of the Expeditionary Forces on board such vessel.

(2.) The said military officer shall, on the day appointed for the taking of the special licensing poll, cause a poll to be taken of all men on the vessel entitled to vote, and shall not count the votes, but shall forthwith after the close of the poll securely seal the ballot-box or ballot-boxes, and shall deliver the same or cause the same to be delivered, to the Chief Electoral Officer in Wellington, or to a person

authorized in writing by or on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer to receive the same.

(3.) The said military officer shall also cause to be delivered to the Chief Electoral Officer in a sealed parcel all documents used in connection with the poll, and all unused and spoilt voting-papers.

(4.) As soon as practicable after the receipt of any voting-papers pursuant to this clause, the Chief Electoral Officer shall cause the votes to be counted, and shall transmit to the Minister of Justice the particulars required pursuant to section thirteen of the said Act.

(5.) Clauses fourteen to twenty, inclusive, of the herein-before-recited regulations of the nineteenth day of December, 1918, shall apply to all polls to be taken pursuant to this clause in the same manner in all respects as if this clause had been included in the said regulations.

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