

State 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 the 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.

Red Cross and kindred services will only be regarded as "valuable" for the purposes of these regulations when they have been rendered in a war in which the Empire has itself been engaged and when the decoration for the wearing of which permission is sought has been conferred by an Allied State.

4. 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. Restricted 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 decoration should not be declined.

5. Both in the case of full and in that of restricted 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 license 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 restricted, 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.

Medals.

10. Medals, with the exceptions specified below, are subject to the regulations in the same manner as Orders, but permission to wear is given by letter and not by Royal Warrant. No permission is needed to accept a foreign medal if it is not to be worn.

11. 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 and worn without His Majesty's special permission.

12. In the case of medals for Red Cross services, permission will only be granted in the conditions laid down in Rule 3, paragraph 3, above.

13. Applications for His Majesty's permission to wear medals conferred by private societies or institutions and commemorative medals cannot be entertained.

14. 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.

General.

15. Ladies are subject to the regulations in all respects in the same manner as men.

Foreign Office, 31st December, 1918.

War Regulations Act, 1914.—Appointment of a Naval Authority.

I, JAMES ALLEN, the Minister of Defence for the Dominion of New Zealand, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon me by an Order in Council under the War Regulations Act, 1914, dated the 3rd day of September, 1917, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the same date, do hereby appoint

Commander THOMAS ACLAND WILLIAMS, C.B.E., R.N., an officer of His Majesty's Naval Forces, as a Naval Authority for the purposes of the regulations made under the War Regulations Act, 1914, and its amendments, and I do hereby declare that the said Commander Thomas Acland Williams shall, as such Naval Authority, exercise jurisdiction and authority throughout New Zealand.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of July, 1919.

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Defence.

Notice of Intention to take Land in Block V, Tuhua Survey District, for the Purposes of a Road.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed, under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1908, to execute a certain public work—to wit, the construction of a road in Block V, Tuhua Survey District; and for the purposes of such public work the land described in the Schedule hereto is required to be taken. And notice is hereby further given that the plan of the land so required to be taken is deposited in the post-office at Taringamotu, and is there open for inspection; and that all persons affected by the execution of the said public work or by the taking of the said land should, if they have any well-grounded objections to the execution of the said public work or to the taking of such land, set forth the same in writing, and send such writing, within forty days from the first publication of this notice, to the Minister of Public Works at Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

APPROXIMATE area of the piece of land required to be taken: 6 acres 0 roods 30 perches.
Portion of Rangitoto-Tuhua 77^r No. 1A, Section 1, Block V, Tuhua Survey District. (S.O. 18884.)

In the Auckland Land District; as the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 46265, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District, and thereon coloured blue.

As witness my hand, at Wellington, this 29th day of July, 1919.

W. FRASER,
Minister of Public Works.