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Compulsory Notification of Claims by British Subjects against the Enemy.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-seventh day of February, 1918.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS in the interests of His Majesty in respect of the present war it is of great importance that full information should be obtained with regard to property in enemy territory and belonging to British subjects, and also with regard to the claims of British subjects against enemy persons and enemy governments, and also with regard to property belonging to British subjects and situated in territory in the hostile occupation of the enemy, and with regard to the claims of British subjects against persons resident or carrying on business in such territory:

And whereas by two several Proclamations made by His Majesty on the seventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, provision has been made for acquiring such information from British subjects in the United Kingdom:

And whereas it is expedient that similar provision be now made in the Dominion of New Zealand:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, in exercise of the authority conferred upon him by the War Regulations Act, 1914, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations under that Act.

REGULATIONS.

1. ON or before the 30th day of April, 1918, every British subject resident in New Zealand, and every company or other corporation in-

corporated in New Zealand, shall make to the Public Trustee at Wellington a return in writing of the matters following:—

- (a.) All property which belongs to that British subject or corporation and which is situated within the territories of His Majesty's enemies:
- (b.) All property which belongs to that British subject or corporation and which is situated within any territory which is now in the military occupation of His Majesty's enemies:
- (c.) All pecuniary claims of that British subject or corporation against any enemy government:
- (d.) All pecuniary claims of that British subject or corporation against any persons or corporations resident or carrying on business within the territories of His Majesty's enemies:
- (e.) All pecuniary claims of that British subject or corporation against any person or corporation resident or carrying on business in any territory which is now in the military occupation of His Majesty's enemies.

2. Returns shall be made as aforesaid in respect of all enemy territory, notwithstanding the fact that such territory may be now in the military occupation of His Majesty's Forces.

3. When any return has been made under these regulations by any person or corporation, it shall be the duty of that person or corporation at any time and from time to time thereafter to supply, on the demand of the Public Trustee, all such further information as to the property or claim to which the return relates as the Public Trustee may require, and also, if required by the Public Trustee, to verify by a statutory declaration the return so made or any such further information so supplied.

4. Nothing in these regulations shall render necessary any further return of property or claims whereof returns have already before the date of this Order in Council been voluntarily made to the Public Trustee, but clause 3 of these regulations shall apply as if such returns had been made under and in conformity with these regulations.

F. D. THOMSON,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.