

(6) No person shall in any manner obstruct or deceive the Controller, or any agent, servant, or representative of the Controller, in the exercise or performance of any of his powers, duties, or authorities as such.

(7) Every person who is for the time being engaged or has at any time before or after the coming into force of these regulations been engaged as a director, manager, agent, servant, partner, or otherwise in the management or conduct of any business under the control of the Controller, shall at all times on being so required by the Controller afford to the Controller all such information relating to such business as it may be in his power to afford.

(8) While the Controller remains in office in respect of the business of any person, firm, or company it shall not be lawful for any person other than the Controller, without the consent of the Controller or the Minister of Industries and Commerce, to present any bankruptcy petition in respect of that person or firm or any petition for the winding-up of that company, or to pass any resolution for the winding-up of that company, or to take any steps for the enforcement of the rights of any creditors of that person, firm, or company.

(9) By any warrant under this regulation the Minister may restrict or limit the exercise by the Controller of any of the powers set out in clause (2) of this regulation.

REGULATION 10.—PRISONERS OF WAR.

(1) The Public Trustee may be appointed as the Custodian of the property of any prisoner of war by instrument in writing executed either—

- (a) By that prisoner of war ; or
- (b) By the Attorney-General in any case where he considers it necessary that a custodian shall be appointed.

(2) The execution of any instrument appointing the Public Trustee to be the Custodian of the property of a prisoner of war shall be conclusive evidence that the person in respect of whose property the appointment is made was at the time of execution thereof a prisoner of war for the purposes of these regulations.

(3) Any such appointment, whether made by the prisoner of war himself or by the Attorney-General, shall continue in full force and effect until revoked by the Attorney-General by notice in writing to the Public Trustee, even though the prisoner of war has ceased to be a prisoner of war or to be resident in New Zealand ; and all the provisions of these regulations shall continue to apply to that appointment in the same manner as if that person remained a prisoner of war held in confinement in New Zealand.

(4) The Public Trustee, when so appointed, shall have the following powers in respect of the property of that prisoner of war :—

- (a) To take and retain possession of all property whatever belonging to that prisoner of war :
- (b) To collect, receive, and retain all moneys payable to that prisoner of war :
- (c) To sue in his official name for all debts due and moneys payable to that prisoner of war :