

*Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Prize.*

Department of Justice,

Wellington, 6th December, 1939.

THE following Warrant of the Commissioner for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, given under the seal of the Office of Admiralty on 17th August, 1899, together with Her Majesty's Commission of 10th July, 1899, therein referred to, is published for general information.

H. G. R. MASON, Minister of Justice.

*Warrant to the Chief Justice and all other Judges of the Supreme Court.*

By the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.

HER Majesty having been pleased by Her Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date at Westminster the tenth day of July in the sixty-third year of Her reign to authorize us to the effect following as by such Commission (a copy of which Commission is hereto annexed) doth more at large appear. These are in Her Majesty's name and ours to will and require the Supreme Court of the Colony of New Zealand and you the Chief Justice of the said Court and all others the Judges or Judge for the time being of the said Court or other the persons or person executing the duties of the office of Judge of the said Court for the time being and you are hereby authorized and required from time to time upon any proclamation being made by the Vice-Admiral for the time being of New Zealand that war has broken out between Her Majesty and any foreign state and not otherwise to take cognisance of and judicially to proceed upon all and all manner of captures, recaptures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods which shall on the outbreak of any such war have been already seized and taken and which shall thereafter be seized and taken and which are or shall be brought within the limits of the said Court and all other matters of prize falling within the jurisdiction of the said Court and to hear and determine the same according to the course of Admiralty and the Law of Nations and the statutes, rules, and regulations in that behalf for the time being in force to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the foreign state named in such Proclamation or to the subjects of such State or to any others inhabiting within any of the countries, territories, or dominions of the same or which are otherwise condemnable as prize and which shall be brought before the said Supreme Court of the Colony of New Zealand for adjudication and condemnation. And for doing the acts herein before mentioned this shall be your warrant until the same is withdrawn or revoked.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Office of Admiralty this seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

WALTER T. KERR,  
A. W. MOORE,

To the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Colony of New Zealand and all others the Judges or Judge for the time being of the said Court or the persons or person duly executing the duties of the office of Judge of the said Court for the time being.

By Command of their Lordships—

H. J. VANSITTART NEALE.