

*Enabling the Supreme Court to exercise Jurisdiction in Prize.*

[L.S.] GALWAY, Governor-General and Vice-Admiral.

## A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by section two of the Prize Courts Act, 1894 (Imperial), it is enacted that any commission, warrant, or instructions from Her Majesty the Queen or the Admiralty for the purpose of commissioning or regulating the procedure of a Prize Court at any place in a British possession may, notwithstanding the existence of peace, be issued at any time with a direction that the Court shall act only upon such Proclamation as is hereinafter mentioned being made in the possession :

And whereas by Warrant of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom given under the Seal of the Office of Admiralty on the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the Chief Justice and all others the Judges or Judge for the time being of the Supreme Court were 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 had broken out between Her Majesty and any foreign state and not otherwise to take cognizance of and judicially to proceed upon all and all manner of captures, recaptures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods which should on the outbreak of any such war have been already seized and taken and which should thereafter be seized and taken and which were or should be brought within the limits of the said Court and all other matters of prize falling within the jurisdiction of the said Court :

And whereas by information received by me I am satisfied that war has broken out as hereinafter proclaimed :

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the authority conferred on me by the said Act, I, George Vere Arundell, Viscount Galway, Governor-General and Vice-Admiral of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim that war has broken out between His Majesty and Germany to the intent that the jurisdiction in Prize of the Supreme Court shall henceforth become exercisable.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand and Vice-Admiral of the same, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 23rd day of November, 1939.

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

GOD SAVE THE KING!

*Appointment of Officer of the Crown to conduct Prize Proceedings.*

GALWAY, Governor-General and Vice-Admiral.

To the Honourable Mr. H. G. R. Mason, His Majesty's Attorney-General for New Zealand.

PURSUANT to the authority vested in me by the Naval Prize Acts, 1864 (Imperial), and the Prize Court Rules made thereunder, and in exercise of the powers and authorities vested in me as Vice-Admiral of New Zealand, and of every other authority enabling me in this behalf, I, George Vere Arundell, Viscount Galway, Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand and Vice-Admiral of the same, do by these presents issued under my hand and the Seal of the Dominion authorize and appoint you, the said

Henry Greathead Rex Mason,

to be the Proper Officer of the Crown to conduct prize proceedings on behalf of the Crown within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, in the exercise of its jurisdiction as a Prize Court under the said Naval Prize Acts, 1864 (Imperial).

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand and Vice-Admiral of the same, and issued under the Seal of that Dominion, this 23rd day of November, 1939.

W. NASH,  
For the Prime Minister.