

1. The power of requisitioning carriages, horses, vessels, and aircraft in case of emergency conferred by the Army Act shall extend so as to include a power of requisitioning food, forage, and stores of all descriptions, and accordingly at the end of subsection (2) of section one hundred and fifteen of the Army Act there shall be inserted the words "and also food, forage, and stores of every description," and all the other provisions of that section, and also the provisions of sections thirty-one, one hundred and sixteen, one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and nineteen, and one hundred and twenty-one of the Army Act shall, so far as applicable, apply in relation to food, forage, and stores as they apply in relation to vessels.

2. This Act may be cited as the Army (Supply of Food, Forage, and Stores) Act, 1914.

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DEFENCE OF THE REALM ACT, 1914.

*Chapter 29.*

AN ACT to confer on His Majesty in Council power to make Regulations during the present War for the Defence of the Realm. [8th August, 1914.]

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. His Majesty in Council has power during the continuance of the present war to issue regulations as to the powers and duties of the Admiralty and Army Council, and of the members of His Majesty's Forces and other persons acting in His behalf, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm; and may by such regulations authorize the trial by courts-martial and punishment of persons contravening any of the provisions of such regulations designed—

(a.) To prevent persons communicating with the enemy or obtaining information for that purpose or any purpose calculated to jeopardize the success of the operations of any of His Majesty's Forces or to assist the enemy; or

(b.) To secure the safety of any means of communication, or of railways, docks, or harbours;

in like manner as if such persons were subject to military law and had on active service committed an offence under section five of the Army Act.

2. This Act may be cited as the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914.

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No. 54.

New Zealand, No. 349.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 14th August, 1914.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, the accompanying copies of the following Act of the Imperial Parliament: IV & V George V, ch. 51: Unreasonable Withholding of Food-supplies Act, 1914.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,

G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

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Enclosure.

UNREASONABLE WITHHOLDING OF FOOD-SUPPLIES ACT, 1914.

*Chapter 51.*

AN ACT to enable the Board of Trade during the Present War to take Possession of Foodstuffs unreasonably withheld. [10th August, 1914.]

BE IT ENACTED by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. If the Board of Trade are of opinion that any foodstuff is being unreasonably withheld from the market they may, if so authorized by His Majesty's Proclamation (made generally or as respects any particular kind of foodstuff) and in manner provided by the Proclamation, take possession of any supplies of foodstuff to which the Proclamation relates, paying to the owners of the supplies such price as may in default of agreement be decided to be reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, by the arbitration of a Judge of the High Court selected by the Lord Chief Justice of England.

2. (1.) This Act may be cited as the Unreasonable Withholding of Food-supplies Act, 1914.

(2.) This Act shall have effect only while a state of war exists between His Majesty and any foreign Power.