1. The Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, shall have effect as if-

(a.) At the end of paragraph (a) of section one thereof the following words were inserted:

"or to prevent the spread of reports likely to cause disaffection or alarm":

(b.) At the end of paragraph (b) of section one thereof there were added the following "or of any area which may be proclaimed by the Admiralty or Army Council to be an area which it is necessary to safeguard in the interests of the training or concentration of any of His Majesty's Forces ":

(c.) At the end of section one there were inserted the following words: "and may by such regulations also provide for the suspension of any restrictions on the acquisition or user of land, or the exercise of the power of making by-laws, or any other power under the Defence Acts, 1842 to 1875, or the Military Lands Acts, 1891 to 1903."

2. This Act may be cited as the Defence of the Realm (No. 2) Act, 1914.

## CUSTOMS (EXPORTATION PROHIBITION) ACT, 1914.

Chapter 64.

An Act to extend and amend Section Eight of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879. [28th 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. Section eight of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879 (which enables the exportation of certain articles to be prohibited), shall have effect, whilst a state of war in which His Majesty is engaged exists, as if, in addition to the articles therein mentioned, there were included all other articles of every description.

2. Any Proclamation or Order in Council made under the said section as so amended may, whilst a state of war exists, be varied or added to by an Order made by the Lords of the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Trade.

3. This Act may be cited as the Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Act. 1914.

No. 59.

New Zealand, No. 390.

My LORD, Downing Street, 10th September, 1914.

With reference to my despatch, No. 379, of the 4th September, and my telegram of the 5th September, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the insurance rates both for cargo and for ships under the Government war risks insurance scheme were altered on the 1st instant as follows: The rate for cargo was reduced from three guineas per cent. to two guineas per cent. In the case of ships the rate for a voyage was reduced from  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. to 1 per cent., the rate for a round voyage from  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. to 2 per cent., and the rate for a time policy for three months from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to 2 per cent. In addition it was decided that a ballast voyage not exceeding 800 miles in length may be treated as forming part of the following voyage without additional premium. I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool, G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

No. 60.

New Zealand, No. 398.

My Lord, Downing Street, 14th September, 1914.

With reference to my despatch, No. 73, of the 13th February last, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the income-tax concession announced in that despatch has now been extended to cover naval officers of the self-governing dominions who may be undergoing training in the United Kingdom. I have, &c., L. HARCOURT.

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

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