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ABOLITION OF MARTIAL LAW

Last previous Paper.

Discusses position which will arise on abolition and proposes to bring into force "The British Protectorate Defence Order in Council 1916" in the near future.

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Something more drastic than the ordinary law of the Protectorate will certainly be required. till the war is over.

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September 24th, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have recently discussed with my Executive Council the position that will arise here on the abolition of Martial Law.

2. At the present time a number of regulations is in force which, when Martial Law no longer exists, will automatically cease to be effective. The majority of these regulations are concerned with military matters and on the conclusion of local hostilities the need for their enforcement will disappear; but there are also regulations which the European War, rather than the East African Campaign, has made it necessary to enact and I have therefore been considering the best means

whereby

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
WALTER LOM, P.C., M.P.,



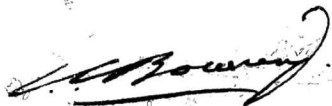
whereby such regulations can be maintained. The most important matter with which these regulations deal is the control of prices of foodstuffs which for the most part are imported from India. Arrangements have been made whereby supplies are brought to us by a steamer every month and, though this device has hitherto worked smoothly, there is practically no surplus supply of essential commodities such as flour, sugar, rice, and certain other Indian articles of diet, and any failure of shipping facilities or diminution of imports would cause an immediate shortage.

3 I therefore, with the advice of my Executive Council, propose to bring into force *cd-16858* "The British Protectorates (Defence) Order-in-Council 1916" in the near future. I observe from Mr. Bonar Law's despatch Miscellaneous of the 19th of May 1916 that the matter is left to my discretion but I think it desirable that you should be informed of the decision at which I have arrived.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

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10 December 1917

Sir,

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your despatch of the 27th of
September, No. 128, and to
inform you that I concur in

Your proposal to bring into
operation ~~of~~ the British Protectorates
(Defence) Order in Council
1916 as soon as you ^{think} ~~consider~~
it ^{necessary} ~~desirable~~ ^{advisable} to proclaim
the Order. You should issue
as regulations thereunder
such of the Martial Law
Regulations as it is
thought necessary to
bring into force.

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Mr. Barclay 7 Dec.
Mr. Robinson 7/12
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10 December 1917

Sir,

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Mr Barclay J. See
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[Handwritten signature]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 27th of September, No. 548, and to inform you that I concur in your proposal to bring into operation ~~of~~ the British Protectorate (Welfare) Order in Council 1916 as soon as you ~~consider~~ think it ^{necessary} desirable. When proclaiming the Order you should recieve as regulations thereunder such of the Warlike Law Regulations as it is ~~the fit necessary to~~ ^{deemed desirable to lay} down.

