

APPENDICES—PART III.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

No. 27.

PROCLAMATION TRANSFERRING THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY TO ADMIRALTY CONTROL.

ORDER

Australia to wit.
R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable
Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson,
a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable
Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the
Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George, Governor-General and
Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of
Australia.

WHEREAS a state of war exists between His Majesty the King and the German Emperor:

And whereas by the *Naval Defence Act 1910-1912* it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor-General may transfer to the King's Naval Forces any vessel of the Commonwealth Naval Forces and any officers or seamen of the Commonwealth Naval Forces:

And whereas it is deemed expedient to transfer to the King's Naval Forces all the vessels of the Commonwealth Naval Forces and all officers and seamen of those vessels:

Now therefore I, Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby order that from and after the publication of this Order all the vessels of the Commonwealth Naval Forces, and all the officers and seamen of those vessels, shall be transferred to the King's Naval Forces, and that such transfer shall continue in force until the issue of a Proclamation declaring that the aforementioned war no longer exists.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth
this tenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred
and fourteen, in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.)

E. D. MILLEN,

Minister of State for Defence.

GOD SAVE THE KING!