

CHIEF SECRETARY.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Proclamation to be issued under the Imperial Prize Courts Act1894 proclaiming that a state of war exists betweenHis Majesty and the German Emperor.

Ministers recommend that a Proclamation, in accordance with the enclosed draft, be issued under the Imperial Prize Courts Act 1894, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Queensland, as Vice-Admiral thereof, proclaiming that a state of war exists between His Majesty and the German Emperor.

IMMEDIATE ACTION.

*Y. G. Ex. 20/8/14*



An Executive Minute embodying this recommendation was passed and recorded on the 20 AUG 1914

*G. Watson*  
Acting Clerk of the Council.





*Arthur Morgan*

# A PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honourable Sir ARTHUR MORGAN, Knight, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Queensland and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, and President of the Legislative Council of the said State: Vice-Admiral of the State of Queensland.

**W**HEREAS by the Prize Courts Act, 1894, it is enacted that when any commission, warrant, or instructions from His Majesty the King or the Admiralty for the purpose of commissioning or regulating the procedure of a Prize Court at any place in a British possession have been issued, then, subject to instructions from His Majesty, the Vice-Admiral of such possession may, when satisfied by information from a Secretary of State or otherwise that war has broken out between His Majesty and any foreign State, proclaim that war has so broken out, and that thereupon the said commission, warrant, and instructions shall take effect as if the same had been issued after the breaking out of such war and such foreign State were named therein:

And whereas on the tenth day of July, in the sixty-third year of Her reign, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria was pleased to issue a commission to certain Commissioners therein named authorizing and enjoining the said Commissioners to will and require such Courts (including, among others, Courts of Law being Colonial Courts of Admiralty within the meaning of the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890) as the said Commissioners should select, upon proclamation being made in that part of Her Majesty's Dominions, Possessions, or Colonies within which such Court has jurisdiction in Admiralty by the Vice-Admiral thereof, that war has broken out between Her Majesty and some foreign State or States and not otherwise, to take cognizance of and judicially to proceed upon all and all manner of captures, recaptures, seizures, prizes, reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods then already seized and taken, and which thereafter shall be seized and taken, and all other matters of prize falling within the jurisdiction of Prize Courts, and to hear and determine the same, and, according to the course of Admiralty, and the Law of Nations, and the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations in that behalf for the time being in force, to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the State or States named in the Proclamation aforesaid, or to the subjects of such State or States, or to any other persons inhabiting within any of the Countries, Territories, or Dominions of such State or States, or be otherwise condemnable as prize:

And whereas by Warrant dated the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the said Commissioners did in Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's name will and require the Supreme Court of the Colony of Queensland, and the Chief Justice for the time being of the said Court, and all others the Judges or Judge for the time being of the said Court, or other the persons or person executing the duties of the office of Judge of the said Court for the time being, upon proclamation being made by the Vice-Admiral for the time being of Queensland that war has 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 shall on the outbreak of any such war have been already seized and taken, and which shall thereafter be seized and taken, and which are or shall be brought within the limits of the said Court, and all other matters of prize falling within the jurisdiction of the said Court, and to hear and determine the same according to the course of Admiralty and the Law of Nations, and the Statutes, Rules, and Regulations in that behalf for the time being in force, to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods as shall belong to the foreign States named in such proclamation or to the subjects of such State, or to any others inhabiting within any of the Countries, Territories, or Dominions of the same or which are otherwise condemnable as prize, and which shall be brought before the said Supreme Court of the Colony of Queensland for adjudication and condemnation:

And whereas by the Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890, it is enacted that nothing in that Act shall affect any power of appointing a Vice-Admiral in and for any British Possession or any place therein, and that whenever there is not a formally appointed Vice-Admiral in a British possession or any place therein the Governor of the possession shall be *ex officio* Vice-Admiral thereof:

And whereas there is not a formally appointed Vice-Admiral in the State of Queensland:

Now, therefore I, Sir ARTHUR MORGAN, the Vice-Admiral aforesaid, being satisfied thereof by information received by me, do hereby proclaim that war has broken out between His Majesty the King and the German Emperor.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Brisbane, this  
day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen,  
and in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

By Command,

*Arthur Morgan*

GOD SAVE THE KING !