



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. A.D. 1914.
[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, authorise the trial by courts martial and punishment of persons contravening any of the provisions of such regulations designed— Power to make regulations.

(a) to prevent persons communicating with the enemy or obtaining information for that purpose or any purpose calculated to jeopardise 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, Short title. 1914.

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