

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 293.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
25th April, 1919.

SIR,—With reference to previous Circular despatches on the subject of the exportation of jute and jute goods, I have the honour to inform you that it has now been decided to remove all restrictions regulating the exportation from the United Kingdom of jute manufactures to all destinations excepting enemy countries, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Finland. Accordingly, the following articles have been removed from Section A to Section C of the United Kingdom Prohibited Export List:—bags and sacks made wholly or partly of jute, jute cordage and twine, jute padding, piece goods made wholly or partly of jute, jute roofing felt rags, jute twist waste and webbing, jute yarns. Jute rags, other than roofing felt rags, and nitrate bags have been removed to List B.

2. The existing regulations with regard to the exportation of jute manufactures to the countries referred to in the preceding paragraph will be maintained.

3. Accordingly, jute goods exported from the United Kingdom to countries other than those specified in the first paragraph may now be consigned direct to any importer who is not included in the Statutory or General Black List, and Consular supervision will no longer be exercised. Exports from India are on the same footing as exports from the United Kingdom.

4. In addition, the practice of calling for special guarantees against re-exportation of textile bags, wrappers or sacks used solely as containers for other goods which are exported from the United Kingdom to Spain, Portugal, Greece, Morocco and Norway has been discontinued. It is not proposed for the moment to alter the system by which, in the case of exports to Holland, Denmark and Sweden, "coverings guarantees" are given to the Trade Associations in those countries and the fact indicated on the guarantee or certificate relating to the goods themselves, but it is not proposed to withhold the issue of licences for goods packed in textile coverings merely because the "coverings guarantees" have not been given.

5. Relaxations have also been made in the restrictions imposed on exports of raw jute. Exports both from India and from the United Kingdom are at present subject to licence, but it is considered that for the present there is no necessity for any rationing scheme in connection with exports of raw jute from India, though such a scheme may become necessary at a later date if the demands on the part of the United Kingdom and Allied Countries, should, before the next crop is available, become substantially greater than now appears likely.

6. In the circumstances the Government of India have been informed that, while the exportation of raw jute should remain prohibited to all destinations, they may issue licences for the present as freely as they think fit to all destinations except Spain and those countries to which the United Kingdom List C applies.

7. I have to request that the lines stated above may be followed in connection with the exportation of jute and jute goods from the territory under your Government.

I have, &c.,

MILNER.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

 APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 294.—His Majesty the KING has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council for the period during which the Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C., acts as Attorney General.

28th June, 1919.