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No. 5

Proper Office of the hour

(SUBJECT).

1916  
8<sup>th</sup> March

Prize "Eana"  
Reasons for seizure.

Previous Papers.

760/16.

(MINUTES).

H. E. / Submitted.

C. D. Condell  
C.D.

8. 3. 16.

For information of Proper Offices - I have telegraphed to the Secy of State that Proper Offices unable to ascertain reasons for seizure and has no evidence to enter Prize Court; that the Bill of Sale from Mexican to American owner is not produced otherwise all ship's papers appear in order; that the bills of lading give cargo for Barbados and

Subsequent Papers.

C. 10/16

And Martinique, and I have  
asked for instructions directing  
action if any to be taken -

Wait reply from Secretary  
of State.

9.3.16 H.C.  
Gov

Proper Officers of the Crown

Please note -

C.A. Condell  
CS.  
9.3.16.

Mr. Col. Sec.

Thank you. Seen & noted.

9.3.16 H.C.

H.C. / I believe H.C. received a reply yesterday  
evening.

C.A. Condell  
CS.  
22.3.16.

Yes. I enclose copy of a  
minute I handed to the Proper  
Officers of the Crown this morning.


22.3.16 H.C.

Proper Officer  
of the Crown.

The Secretary of State directs that  
a writ should be immediately issued against the  
Prize "Edna" but not against the cargo.

Then application should be made to  
Court for leave to requisition for and application  
should be made subsequently for order to transfer  
proceedings as in the case of Bangor.

The reasons for seizure are that ship  
belongs to German owners and was under German  
flag at outbreak of war also unneutral service  
on previous voyage.

  
Governor.

22nd March, 1916.



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8th March, 1916.

Hon. Colonial Secretary,

I had an interview with the Governor this morning on the subject of the s.s. "Edna", brought into this Port as Prize by the "Kent" yesterday morning. I reported to His Excellency that, after going through the ship's papers handed by the Prize Officer to the Registrar of the Supreme Court, I could obtain no evidence on which to ask the Court for the condemnation of the ship and cargo. His Excellency instructed me to take no steps towards instituting a cause against the ship pending further instructions.

I informed His Excellency that the Prize Officer, Lieutenant Lord Congleton, R.N., of H.M.S. "Newcastle", was anxious to return to England by the next mail, and that as he handed over his papers in due order and was not in a position to add anything of value to the prosecution of the cause, I was prepared, with the Governor's sanction, to accept an affidavit to the effect that Lieutenant Lord Congleton had received orders from the Captain of H.M.S. "Newcastle" to bring the ship to Port Stanley for adjudication and that he had no knowledge of the reasons for the seizure of the s.s. "Edna", and could contribute no further evidence. His Excellency agreed that this course might be followed. I have therefore requested the Prize Officer to let me have an affidavit to the above effect.

I shall be glad if you will kindly forward this Minute to the Governor for his confirmation.

*The Secretary*

Proper Officer of the Crown.