

Hospital. The Governor General's query, which seems to be a little fanciful, is whether it would be possible to make the hospital maternity ward or some suitable part of it, Dutch territory for the occasion.

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Décret en Conseil

Order in Council

P.C. 10671

Ottawa, November 27, 1942

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for External Affairs reports that it is necessary and advisable for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada, that arrangements should be made to enable heads of the United Nations and Royal Families thereof, to take refuge within the territorial limits of Canada, and thus to promote and encourage the war efforts of the United Nations;

That, in particular, it is expedient that arrangements should be made to enable the Royal Family of the Netherlands, or members thereof, to continue to take refuge within Canada, and to provide an extraterritorial character to any place in which the heir presumptive to the throne of the Netherlands may be confined and in which an heir to such throne may be born;

NOW, THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and under and by virtue of the powers conferred by the War Measures Act, Chapter 207, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, is pleased to order and doth hereby order as follows:

1. Any place in Canada within which Her Royal Highness the Princess Juliana of the Netherlands may be confined shall, for the period of the lying-in and to the extent of actual occupation for such purpose, be extraterritorial, and for such purpose Her Royal Highness the Princess Juliana and any child that may be born shall be accorded immunity from criminal, civil and military jurisdiction, whether Dominion or Provincial.

2. A statement in writing by an official member of Her Royal Highness the Princess Juliana's household to the effect that any such place is being employed or has been employed for such purpose shall be received as conclusive proof of such facts by any Canadian court or judicial authority.

3. A proclamation to the above effect shall be published in the *Canada Gazette* upon the direction of the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

4. Upon proclamation the provisions hereof shall be deemed to have been in force from the date of this order.

A. D. P. HEENEY
Clerk of the Privy Council