are granted temporary commissions in the regular forces during the continuance of the present war, as it applies to men of the territorial forces called out on embodiment.

2. This Act may be cited as the National Insurance (Navy and Army) Act, 1914. Short title.

CHAPTER 82.

An Act to make provision in connection with the present war with respect to Bills of Exchange payable outside the British Islands. [18th September 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. Without prejudice to the operation of subsection (1) of section forty-six of the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882, delay in the presentment for payment of a bill of exchange, where the proper place for payment is outside the British Islands, is excused if the delay is, or has been, due either directly or indirectly to circumstances arising out of the present war, or to the impracticability, owing to similar circumstances, of transmitting the bill to the place of payment with reasonable safety. Delay in presentment of a bill for payment due to war. 45 & 46 Vict. c. 61.

2. Where, in any action or proceeding upon a bill of exchange payable outside the British Islands, it is shown to the court that the bill has been lost and that the loss can reasonably be presumed to be due to circumstances attributable directly or indirectly to the present war, the court may allow proof of the bill to be given by means of a copy thereof certified by a notary public, or by means of such other evidence as the court think reasonable under the circumstances: Provided that such indemnity be given against the claims of other persons as the court may require. Provision as to bills of exchange lost owing to war.

3. His Majesty may, by Order in Council, at any time determine the operation of this Act, or provide that this Act shall have effect subject to such limitations as may be contained in the Order; but, subject to the operation of any such Order in Council, this Act shall have effect during the continuance of the present war and for a period of six months thereafter. Duration.

4. This Act may be cited as the Bills of Exchange Act, 1914. Short title.