



ATTACKS BY AIRCRAFT OR BOMBARDMENT.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor desires to communicate the following information to the inhabitants of the Island :—

1. Whilst recognizing the possibility of an attack by the enemy, the Authorities do not think it probable, nor do they consider there is any reason for anxiety amongst non-combatants.

2. In the event of belligerent operations arising within the Island whether by Raid, Bombardment by Sea, or by Aircraft, *the Civil Population should remain within their houses or shops, and preferably in the basements or cellars until the attack is over.*

Householders who have such basements or cellars in their dwellings will, doubtless, be willing to admit their neighbours whose habitations do not afford such accommodation.

3. In the event of any such occurrence taking place, *the Civil Population must implicitly carry out any instructions which may be given to them by the Police or Special Constables.*

4. Arrangements have been made, in the event of hostilities taking place, for all Medical Practitioners to be at their own houses or surgeries, where they may be found if their services are needed.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,

Government Secretary.

Government Office,

Isle of Man,

16th February, 1915

Any further communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to—

THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARY,
GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
ISLE OF MAN.

and the following number quoted—

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GOVERNMENT OFFICE,

ISLE OF MAN.

16th February, 1915.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that, in the event of a hostile attack being made on this Island, it would become the duty of the Police and Special Constables to take charge of the civil population and to perform certain other duties (which will be communicated to you later. It would also be necessary for the Fire Brigades to immediately repair to their Fire Stations, and for Medical Men to return to their residences to be available if required.

The time afforded for assembling these Forces in the event of an emergency of the nature indicated, would be so limited that it is necessary to issue now instructions for the purpose.

I am, therefore, to request that you will make it known to each Police Officer, Special Constable, Member of Fire Brigade, and Doctor, by means of a copy of this letter, that on the firing of a series of five rockets from the Police Station at any of the Ports of the Island, the following posts will be taken up :—

1. Police Officers and Special Constables will at once repair to the Police Station..
2. Members of Fire Brigades (where they exist) will at once proceed to their Fire Stations.
3. Medical Men to return to their homes.

The authority for you to take action, in the event of an emergency, will be given from this Office, and you will make arrangements for the warning to be communicated to other centres in the Island with the least possible delay.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,

The Chief Constable,
Douglas.