

GENERAL ORDER.

Customs No. $\frac{3}{1915}$.

Excise No. $\frac{4}{1915}$.

Custom House, London, E.C.,
8th February, 1915.

ACCEPTANCE OF A BRIBE OR GRATUITY.

Cases have recently come to the Board's notice in which Preventive Men, having had money placed in their hands by passengers whose baggage they were examining, failed to take immediate action, and went on with their work, and on being challenged by their superior officer, pleaded in explanation that they were taken by surprise for the moment, and did not realise what had occurred.

It must be clearly understood that such an explanation cannot be accepted, and that it is the duty of every officer of the Service, in the event of a member of the public tendering him money otherwise than in payment of an official claim, instantly to stop his work and report the incident to the senior officer within reach. Failure to take such prompt action will expose him to serious consequences.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. BYRNE,

E. C. CUNNINGHAM.