At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 2nd day of May 1917.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 27th day of April 1917, in the words following, viz. :-

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, inter alia, that all pay, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants, or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being, or having been, an Officer, Seaman, or Marine, shall be paid in such manner, and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions, as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas we consider that it would be to the benefit of Your Majesty's Naval Service that Mercantile Ratings belonging to Your Majesty's Ships in commission should be subject within certain limits to forfeiture of pay for misconduct:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to direct that in the event of any Mercantile Rating belonging to any of Your Majesty's Ships in commission misconducting himself, whether such ship is the property of Your Majesty or not, the pay which he shall receive may be reduced to the following extent and no further, namely, not more than 30 days' pay in respect of any one or more offences punished at any one time, the word 'pay' for this purpose being understood to include full pay and full pay allowances whether already accrued or not: Provided that mulcts of pay not authorised for Naval Ratings shall not be imposed in the case of Mercantile Ratings unless it is impracticable to inflict the appropriate naval penalty.'

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. Downing Street, 4th May 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in recognition of services rendered in connection with Military Operations in the Field :-

To be Additional Members of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Distinguished

Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) Arthur Colin Roberts, D.S.O., R. Fus.

Lt.-Col. Henry Arthur Powell, Aust. A.M.C.

India Office, 30th April 1917. The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Thomas David, Baron Carmichael. G.C.I.E., K.C.M.G., to be a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

> Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate. Clerkenwell, London, E.C., 3rd May 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England :-

As Knights of Grace.

Major Sir Edward Scott Worthington, C.M.G., M.V.O., M.D. (from Esquire). John Arthur Stamford de Grey. Lieut.-Colonel FrankWarburton M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., R.A.M.C. (from Honorary Associate).

As Honorary Knights of Grace.

His Excellency Alexis Illyine. His Excellency Anatole Czamanski. His Excellency Boris Ignatieff.

As Ladies of Grace.

Sarah Trumbull, Mrs. Warren. Helena Augusta Victoria, Lady May. Vesta Viola, Mrs. Henderson. Edith, Mrs. Stevens.

As Esquires.

Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel James Stuart Brooke, V.D., F.R.C.S.I. (from Honorary Serving Brother). Major David Charles Edward ffrench Comyn.

Downing Street,

3rd May 1917.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Richard Denis Meagher, Esq., who held the office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for a period of more than three years.

 $War\ Office,$

30th April 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

ALPACA, MOHAIR, CAMEL-HAIR, CASHMERE AND GOAT'S-HAIR.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby order as follows:-