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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1917.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of September 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-eighth day of November nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm Regulations") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915, and other enactments:

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said regulations in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said regulations:—

1. At the end of Regulation 2A the following sub-section shall be inserted:—

"(2) If as respects any area in which the work of manufacturing, producing, repairing, storing or transporting war material is being carried on, the Minister of Munitions is of opinion that the ejection from their dwellings

of workmen employed in that work is calculated to impede, delay, or restrict that work, he may by order declare the area to be a special area for the purpose of this regulation.

"Whilst the order remains in force no person shall, without the consent of the Minister of Munitions, take, or cause to be taken, any proceedings for the purpose of obtaining an order or decree for the recovery of possession of, or for the ejection of a tenant of, any dwelling house or other premises situate in the special area, being a house or premises in which any workman so employed is living, so long as the tenant continues duly to pay the rent and to observe the other conditions of the tenancy, other than any condition for the delivery up of possession.

"If any person acts in contravention of this regulation he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations."

2. Regulation 30 shall be amended by the insertion therein after the words "imposed by the order" of the words "or, where any such permit as aforesaid is granted subject to any conditions, fails to comply with those conditions."

3. Regulation 39 shall be amended by the insertion after the words "payment of pilots" of the following paragraph:—

"The power of the Army Council under this regulation to make orders providing for pilotage being compulsory may, as respects vessels within the limits of any defended port in the United Kingdom, be exercised by the