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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1919.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of December 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the 10th day of January 1910, and known generally as the Civil Service (Consolidating) Order in Council, 1910, and hereinafter referred to as the "principal Order," it is provided that, with certain provisions and exceptions, the qualifications of all such persons as may seek or be proposed for appointment to any situation or employment in any of His Majesty's Civil Establishments shall, before they are so appointed, be tested by or under the directions of the Civil Service Commissioners, and that no person (save as excepted thereby) shall be appointed to any such establishment until a certificate of his qualification shall have been issued by the Civil Service Commissioners declaring that he has satisfied them, among other things, that he is free from any physical defect or disease which would be likely to interfere with the proper discharge of his duties :

And whereas the said requirement was modified by Clause (1) of the Order in Council of the 23rd October 1918, whereby it was provided that where an officer holding a pensionable situation, and having been appointed with a certificate of qualification, is nominated by the Head of a Department for the issue of a further certificate of qualification in respect

of his promotion in the same Department, or of his transfer to another Department, the said Commissioners may grant their said certificate of qualification on being satisfied that he is duly qualified in respect of age, character, knowledge, and ability, without requiring evidence that he fulfils the condition as to freedom from physical defect or disease specified in Clause 3 of the principal Order, provided that they are satisfied that the situation to which he is promoted or transferred does not require a higher degree of physical capacity than the situation which he already holds :

And whereas it is expedient that the above provision should apply where the said Commissioners think fit to officers who hold pensionable situations in any of His Majesty's Civil Establishments whether they were appointed thereto with a certificate of qualification or otherwise :

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Clause (1) of the Order in Council of the 23rd October 1918 shall be modified by the substitution of the words "in any of His Majesty's Civil Establishments" for the words "and having been appointed with a certificate of qualification" and by the omission of the word "further," and by the insertion of the words "at their discretion, if they see fit," after the words "the Commissioners may," and accordingly the clause shall run as follows :—

(1) Where an officer holding a pensionable