

situation in any of His Majesty's Civil Establishments is nominated by the Head of a Department for the issue of a certificate of qualification in respect of his promotion in the same Department, or of his transfer to another Department, the Commissioners may, at their discretion, if they see fit, grant their certificate of qualification on being satisfied that he is fully 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 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.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by sub-section (3) of Section seven of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919, it is provided that every Regulation made by the Minister of Health under that Section shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and that if within 21 days thereafter an address is presented by either House, praying that the Regulation may be annulled, His Majesty in Council may annul the Regulation :

And whereas on the 19th day of November 1919 a humble address was presented to His Majesty by the Commons House of Parliament in pursuance of the said Section, praying that Articles 2, 5, and 6 of, and Schedule B to, the Housing (Assisted Scheme) Regulations, 1919, might be annulled :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of all powers enabling Him in that behalf, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said Articles 2, 5, and 6 of, and Schedule B to, the Housing (Assisted Scheme) Regulations, 1919, shall be annulled.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

[In substitution for the Order in Council published in the Edinburgh Gazette of Friday, 12th December 1919, pp. 4032-4033.]

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

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Somerleyton.
Sir Frederick Ponsonby.

WHEREAS at Versailles, on the 28th day of June 1919, a Treaty of Peace with Germany (hereinafter referred to as "the

Treaty") was signed on behalf of His Majesty ; and

Whereas it was provided in the Treaty that the property of German nationals within the territory or under the control of an Allied or Associated State might be constituted a pledge for enemy liabilities upon the conditions laid down in the Treaty ; and

Whereas by the Treaty of Peace Act, 1919, it was provided that His Majesty might make such appointments, establish such offices, make such Orders in Council, and do such things as appeared to Him to be necessary for carrying out the Treaty, and for giving effect to any of the provisions thereof ; and

Whereas by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, or other lawful means His Majesty has power and jurisdiction in China : and

Whereas there is now in China certain property of German nationals under the control of His Majesty, and it is expedient to make provision for charging such property with the payment of the liabilities for which it may be constituted a pledge by the Treaty in the manner hereinafter provided :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, or otherwise in Him vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. All property rights and interests in China belonging to German nationals at the date when the Treaty comes into force (not being property rights or interests acquired under any general licence issued by or on behalf of His Majesty) and the net proceeds of their sale, liquidation, or other dealings therewith, so far as such property rights and interests or such net proceeds are vested in or otherwise under the control of the Custodian of enemy property or other British authority under the Trading with the Enemy Acts or the Trading with the Enemy Regulations, are hereby charged :—

(a) First, with payment of the amounts due in respect of claims by British nationals with regard to their property rights and interests, including companies and associations in which they are interested in German territory, or debts owing to them by German nationals, and with payment of any compensation awarded by the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal or by an arbitrator appointed by that Tribunal in pursuance of paragraph (e) of Article 297 of the Treaty, and with payment of claims growing out of acts committed by the German Government or by German authorities since the 31st July 1914, and before the 4th August 1914.

(b) Secondly, with payment of the amounts due in respect of claims by British nationals with regard to their property rights and interests in the territories of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey in so far as those claims are not otherwise satisfied.

Provided that any particular property rights or interests so charged may at any time, if the Minister thinks fit, be released from the charge so created.

2. In the application and enforcement of the charge created by this Order the claims of or debts owing to British nationals resident or carrying on business in China shall enjoy priority