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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of December 1920.

PRESENT,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Representation of the People Acts, 1918 to 1920, power is conferred on His Majesty to make provision for various matters by Order in Council:

And whereas by the Representation of the People Order His Majesty was pleased by Order in Council to make provision for various matters under those Acts:

And whereas by section 13 (2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1918 (in this Act referred to as "the Act") the rules contained in the First Schedule to that Act may be altered by Order in Council:

And whereas by section 40 (2) of the Act, any Order in Council made thereunder may be revoked or varied as occasion requires by any subsequent Order in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by those Acts and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf is pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. The following Rule shall be inserted after Rule 9 of the Representation of the People Order:—

"9A. The following proviso shall be added to the first paragraph of Rule 19 of

the First Schedule to the Act (which provides for a record of addresses of absent voters to be kept by the registration officer):—

"Provided that, in the case of an absent voter serving in His Majesty's Forces, other than an officer in the Army or Air Force, any address furnished by the voter or by the Admiralty, Army Council or Air Force more than thirty days before the nomination of candidates at an election shall not be deemed to be the recorded address of the absent voter."

2. The following shall be substituted for Rule 6 of the Representation of the People Order:—

"Any notification of an address or change of an absent voter received by the registration officer for the purpose of the record of addresses required to be kept under the Act may, if the notification is received too late for a ballot paper to be despatched to the voter at the time of the original issue of the ballot papers to absent voters at an election, be disregarded so far as regards that election, unless it appears to the returning officer that it is reasonably practicable to arrange for a subsequent issue of ballot papers to absent voters and that there is a reasonable probability that a ballot paper sent at such issue to the absent voter at the address furnished in the notification could be returned by the absent voter so as to reach the returning officer before the close of the poll."

3. The following subsection shall be added to