take such steps as may be necessary to disperse the meeting or procession or prevent the holding thereof.

In the application of this regulation to Scotland "the Secretary for Scotland" shall be substituted for "a Secretary of State" and "provost" for "mayor."

21. A Secretary of State, or, in Scotland, the Secretary for Scotland, may by order in any area specified in the order prohibit either absolutely or subject to such exceptions as he may prescribe, the practice of or taking part in or being concerned in any exercise, movement, evolution or drill of a military nature, and if any person, other than a member of His Majesty's naval, military or air forces or a constable, practises or takes part in or is concerned in any such exercise, movement, evolution or drill, or is concerned in or assists the promotion or organisation of any such exercise, movement, evolution, or drill by persons, other than members of His Majesty's naval, military or air forces or police constables, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

22. Where a Secretary of State by order has declared that any service is a service of vital importance to the community, it shall be the duty of every person subject to the Naval Discipline Act or to military law or to the Air Force Act to obey any command given by any superior officer in relation to employment upon or in connection with such service, and every such command shall be deemed to be a lawful command within the meaning and for the purposes of the Naval Discipline Act, the Army Act and the Air Force Act.

23. If any person obstructs, knowingly misleads, or otherwise interferes with or impedes, or withholds any information in his possession which he may reasonably be required to furnish from, any officer or other person who is carrying out the orders of any Government Department or who is otherwise acting in accordance with his duty under these regulations, he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

24. Any Government Department on whom powers or duties are conferred or imposed by these regulations may make arrangements with any other Government Department for the exercise by that Department of those powers or duties, and in such case that Department and the officers thereof shall have and may exercise the same powers and duties as are by these regulations conferred on the first mentioned Department and the officers thereof; and the Minister of Health, or as respects Scotland the Secretary for Scotland may, by arrangement with any Government Department on whom powers or duties are conferred or imposed by these regulations, confer or impose on any local authorities and their officers any powers and duties in connection with the enforcement of these regulations, and any powers and duties necessary to provide for the due discharge of any functions assigned to local authorities by any Government Department under these regulations.

25. The compensation payable in respect of any property which is requisitioned or of which possession is taken under these regulations shall be such as may be determined in default of agreement by a single arbitrator appointed in England by the Lord Chancellor and in Scotland by the Lord President of the Court of Session, and in assessing the amount of compensation payable in any particular case, regard shall not be had to any increase in the value of the property which is due to the emergency.

26. (1) If any person contravenes or otherwise fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations or any order or direction made or given thereunder, or is guilty of an offence against these regulations, or obstructs any police or other officer or any other person in the execution of his duties under these regulations, he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding three months, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine, and shall be liable to forfeit to the Crown any goods or money in respect of which the offence was committed.

(2) Where the person guilty of any such offence is a corporation, company or society, any director, officer or trustee, or other person concerned with the management thereof, shall be guilty of the like offence unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or consent.

(3) For the purpose of the trial of a person for an offence under these regulations, such offence shall be deemed to have been committed either at the place in which the same actually was committed or at any place in which the offender may be, and the court in Scotland shall be the sheriff court.

27. (1) Any police constable may arrest without warrant any person who so acts as to endanger the public safety, or who is guilty or is suspected of being guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(2) Any police constable may, if authorised by order of a Secretary of State or of a chief officer of police, enter, if need be by force, any premises or place suspected of being used for purposes so endangering the public safety, and may search any part of such place or premises, and may seize and detain anything found therein which is suspected of being used for such purposes as aforesaid, and deal with the things so seized in such manner as the Secretary of State may determine.

(3) Any police constable may search any person whom he believes to be in possession of, or to be using or carrying any article, the possession use or carrying of which by such person is an offence against these regulations, and may seize and detain any such article found on such person.

(4) Any police constable may stop and search any vehicle which he has reason to suspect to be used for any purpose prejudicial to the public safety, or contrary to these regulations, or to be carrying any article, the possession, use or carrying of which is an offence against these regulations, and may seize and detain any such vehicle or any such article found therein.

(5) In the application of this regulation to Scotland "the Secretary for Scotland" shall be substituted for "a Secretary of State."

28. Any person who attempts to commit, or solicits, or incites, or endeavours to persuade another person to commit, or procures, aids, or abets, or does any act preparatory to, the commission of any act prohibited by these regulations, or any order, directions, rules, or other instrument made thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

29. The Secretary of State may by order direct that during such period as may be specified in the order the time for general