

Westminster, 5th September 1939.

This day the Royal Assent was given by Commission to the following Acts:—

Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1939.

Royal Marines Act, 1939.

Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939.

Military and Air Forces (Prolongation of Service) Act, 1939.

National Registration Act, 1939.

Unemployment Insurance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939.

Unemployment Assistance (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939.

Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act, 1939.

Teachers Superannuation (War Service) Act, 1939.

Education (Scotland) (War Service Superannuation) Act, 1939.

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THE CULTIVATION OF LANDS (SCOTLAND) ORDER, DATED 4TH SEPTEMBER 1939, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND UNDER PART IV. AND PART V. OF THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS, 1939.

In pursuance of Regulations 49, 51, 53, 62, 63, 66 and 85 of The Defence Regulations, 1939, the Secretary of State for Scotland (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary of State) hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The body of persons who are for the time being appointed by the Secretary of State, as the Agricultural Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) for any area in Scotland, for the purpose of increasing or maintaining agricultural production, are hereby authorised in terms of Regulation 85 to grant authority to the members of the Committee, the officers of the Committee and persons (not being members of the Committee) whom it may appoint as members of Sub-Committees, for the purpose of the aforesaid regulations, to enter on and inspect any land or building within the area of the Committee.

2. The Secretary of State hereby delegates his powers under Regulations 51, 62 and 63 of the said Regulations in respect of any land in Scotland and under Regulation 53 in respect of any corporeal moveable required in connection with the use of such land to the appropriate Committee for each area in Scotland and such powers shall be exercised by the Committee at the expense of the Secretary of State subject to such directions as to approval of expenditure or otherwise as may from time to time be given to the Committee by the Secretary of State.

Provided that the Committee shall not without the consent of the Secretary of State in writing being previously given:

(a) take possession of any land or terminate the tenancy of any land;

(b) give directions with respect to the cultivation, management or use of any land that is kept or preserved mainly or ex-

clusively for purposes of sport or recreation, or land used as a race-course, or

(c) requisition any corporeal moveable except such corporeal moveable as may be found upon or may have been removed from any land of which the Committee are in possession.

3. The rights of any person dealing with the Committee shall not be prejudiced by the fact that the Committee have not complied with any direction given to them by the Secretary of State or have acted without the consent of the Secretary of State where such consent is required.

4. The Secretary of State may by order revoke any authority given or delegation made by this Order either generally or in relation to any particular Committee.

5. The following provision shall have effect with regard to Committees and their procedure:—

(1) The Chairman shall appoint one or more members of the Committee to act as Vice-Chairmen.

(2) The Committee may appoint Sub-committees for such purposes as the Committee think fit. A Sub-committee may consist either wholly or partly of persons not being members of the Committee.

(3) At any meeting at which the Chairman or a Vice-Chairman is not present a person shall be appointed by the meeting to act as Chairman. At any meeting of the Committee the Chairman shall, in case of an equal division of votes, have a second or casting vote.

(4) The quorum, proceedings and place of meeting of the Committee shall be such as the Committee determine.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among its members or by any defect in the appointment of any of its members.

(6) A member of the Committee shall not vote on any question which relates to land of which he is the owner or occupier, or the agent or factor of the owner or occupier, or enter into any contract with the Committee unless such contract has been approved by the Secretary of State.

(7) Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee shall be kept in a book provided for that purpose, and a minute of those proceedings signed at the same or the next ensuing meeting by the Chairman of the meeting at which the minute is signed shall be received in evidence without further proof.

(8) Any notice, direction or other instrument signed by the Chairman or a Vice-Chairman or by the Secretary of the Committee shall be received in evidence without further proof as a notice, direction or instrument issued by the Committee.

(9) Accounts shall be kept by the Committee of their receipts and expenditure, and be open to inspection by any officer authorised by the Secretary of State and those accounts shall be made up and audited in such manner as the Secretary of State shall direct.