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**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,  
the 31st day of *July*, 1880.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by the 11th section of the Volunteer Act 1863, it is amongst other things enacted that "Her Majesty in Council may from time to time declare what is requisite to entitle a volunteer to be deemed an efficient volunteer, by an Order in Council defining for that purpose the extent of attendance at drill to be given by the volunteer, and the course of instruction to be gone through by him, and the degree of proficiency in drill and instruction to be attained by him and his corps, such proficiency to be judged of by the inspecting officer at the annual inspection of the corps, or otherwise, as by Order in Council is from time to time directed;" and that "The draft of any scheme to be from time to time submitted to Her Majesty in Council for approval under the present section shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament for one lunar month at least, either before or after, or partly before and partly after, the passing of this Act, during the present or for the like period during any subsequent session of Parliament, before such scheme receives the approval of Her Majesty in Council:"

And whereas it is deemed expedient that the Order in Council, bearing date the 7th day of July 1874, declaring what is requisite to entitle a volunteer to be deemed an efficient volunteer, be cancelled, and an amended Order in Council issued in the place thereof:

And whereas an amended draft scheme relative to the efficiency of volunteers was on the third day of June last laid before both Houses of Parliament in the words and figures mentioned and set forth in the schedule to this Order annexed; and one lunar month having elapsed since that time, the said scheme hath this day been submitted to Her Majesty in Council for Her approval thereof:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having this day taken the said scheme into consideration, doth, in pursuance and exercise of the power in Her Majesty by the said Act of Parliament in that behalf vested, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, hereby cancel the aforesaid Order in Council of the 7th day of July 1874, and doth declare Her royal approval of the scheme hereunto annexed:

And that the same shall come into operation from the 1st of November next.

*C. L. Peel.*

## VOLUNTEERS.

**SCHEME** relative to the Efficiency of Volunteers (in substitution for the Schemes contained in Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated 7th July 1874), referred to in this Order.

1. A volunteer shall be entitled to be deemed an efficient volunteer if he obtains a certificate certifying that he has fulfilled the requirements and possesses the qualifications stated in or upon such one of the annexed forms of certificates as may be applicable in his case, and not otherwise.

2. Every such certificate shall be granted as soon as may be after the 31st day of October in every year, and shall bear date the 1st day of November, and shall be evidence of the efficiency of the volunteer to whom it is granted during the year ending the 31st day of October next following its date.

3. Every volunteer fulfilling the requirements and possessing the qualifications aforesaid shall be entitled to receive such a certificate of efficiency.

But no volunteer who is absent from the annual inspection of his corps, unless so absent with the leave of his commanding officer, or through sickness duly certified, shall be entitled to such certificate.

4. In the course of each year ending the 31st day of October, the adjutant of each corps or administrative regiment shall select from time to time such volunteers as in his opinion have fulfilled the requirements and possess the qualifications aforesaid, and submit their names to the commanding officer of their corps; with a view to their obtaining certificates of efficiency.

5. If the adjutant refuses to recommend any volunteer for a certificate, and the volunteer considers himself aggrieved thereby, the volunteer may appeal to the commanding officer of his corps.

6. If the commanding officer concurs in the adjutant's recommendation or refusal to recommend, he shall either sign the certificate, or else approve the withholding of it, as the case may be; but if he differs from opinion of the adjutant, he shall refer the matter to the officer appointed by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to act in that behalf, whose decision shall be final, and who shall sign the certificate if he thinks it ought to be granted, instead of it being signed by the commanding officer and adjutant.

In the case of a corps forming part of an