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At the Court at *Windsor*, the 14th day of *July*, 1899.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the eleventh 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 thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, as amended by the Orders in Council bearing date fourteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, fifteenth September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, twenty-eighth May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-first October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-eighth June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, thirtieth April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, seventh August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, fourteenth August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and twentieth October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, declaring what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient Volunteer, be further amended so far as relates to the appendices to the first clause of the scheme to the said Order annexed.

And whereas a draft of the amendments to the said appendices was on the twenty-fifth day of April last laid before both Houses of Parliament in the words mentioned and set forth in the Schedule to this Order annexed, and, one lunar month having elapsed since that time, the said amendment of 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 amendment 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 amend, in the words of the said draft scheme of amendment forming the Schedule to this Order annexed, the aforesaid Order in Council of the thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, as amended by the Orders in Council bearing date the fourteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, fifteenth September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, twenty-eighth May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-first October one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-eighth June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, thirtieth April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, seventh August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, fourteenth August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and twentieth October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and doth declare Her Royal approval of the amendment.

A. W. FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Order:—

Amendment of the Scheme relative to the Efficiency of Volunteers under Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated thirty-first July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, as amended by the Schedule attached to Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated fourteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four; and as further amended by Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the fifteenth September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven; the twenty-eighth May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine; the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and