

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 1902.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare the Right Honourable William Humble, Earl of Dudley, Lieutenant-General and General Governour of that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 1902.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Aretas Akers-Douglas one of His Principal Secretaries of State, he was this day, by His Majesty's Command, sworn one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 1902.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

His Majesty having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable Sir William Hood Walrond, Baronet, the oath of Allegiance and the oath of Office as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster were accordingly this day taken by him.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 1902.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Most Honourable Charles Stewart, Marquess of Londonderry, K.G., President of the Board of Education.

*Privy Council Office, Whitehall*, the 11th day of *August*, 1902.

This day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Most Honourable Charles Stewart, Marquess of Londonderry, K.G., was sworn President of the Board of Education; the Right Honourable Charles Thomson Ritchie was sworn Chancellor of the Exchequer; and the Right Honourable Joseph Austen Chamberlain was sworn Postmaster-General.

*Privy Council Office, Whitehall*, the 11th day of *August*, 1902.

This day, in the presence of Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas, Lord Windsor was sworn Chief Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 11th day of *August*, 1902.

PRESENT,

The KING'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 fourth November, one thousand nine hundred and one, and likewise that portion of the Order in Council of the twentieth October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, unrepealed thereby, declaring what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient Volunteer be cancelled, and that a fresh Order be made in the terms set forth in the Schedule to this Order annexed:

And whereas a draft of the Scheme to be attached to the proposed fresh Order was on the fifth and sixth days of June 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 proposed Scheme hath this day been submitted to His Majesty in Council for His approval thereof:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having this day taken the said Scheme into consideration, doth, in pursuance and exercise of the power in His Majesty by the said Act of Parliament in that behalf vested, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, hereby direct the substitution of the said draft Scheme, forming the Schedule to this Order, for the aforesaid Order in Council of the fourth November, one thousand nine hundred and one, and for that portion of the Order in Council of twentieth October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, unrepealed thereby; and doth also direct the cancellation of the Order in Council and the unrepealed portion of the Order in Council last named.

A. W. FitzRoy.

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Order:—

To substitute the accompanying "Scheme relative to and Certificates of Efficiency" for the corresponding scheme and certificates now in force—

1. A Volunteer who is a member of a Corps on the first November in any year shall be entitled to be deemed an efficient Volunteer during the ensuing twelve months if, subject to the conditions hereinafter prescribed, he has during the preceding year fulfilled the requirements stated in the schedule hereto in accordance with regulations made by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.