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FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 1916.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 23rd day of *May*, 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm:

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915:

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said regulations in manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said regulations:

1. After regulation 8c, the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"8d. Any company, authority, or person supplying or authorised to supply water, light, heat, or power, shall, if so required by the Admiralty or Army Council or the Ministry of Munitions, supply water, light, heat or power to any factory, building, camp, or other premises belonging to or used for the purposes of the Admiralty or Army Council or the Minister of Munitions, and shall carry out such works and render such services as may be directed by the Admiralty or Army Council or the Minister of Munitions for the purpose of enabling such a supply to be given either by themselves or by some other such company, authority, or person:

"Provided that a company, authority or person shall not be required under this regulation to supply water, light, heat or power to premises within the area of supply of any other company, authority or person except with the concurrence of the appropriate Government Department, and if any question arises as to which Government Department is the appropriate Government Department the question shall be finally determined by the Treasury.

"If any company, authority or person fail to comply with a requisition under this regulation the company, authority or person shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations,