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FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1916.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 5th day of *December*, 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 2k the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"2L.—(1) Where the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries are of opinion that, with a view to maintaining the food supply of the country, it is expedient that they should exercise the powers given to them under this regulation as respects any land, the Board may enter on the land

(a) without any consent, if the land is for the time being unoccupied, or was unoccupied on the twenty-ninth day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, or if the land is common land, and

(b) in any other case, with the consent of the occupier and the person in receipt of the rent of the land,

and cultivate the land, or arrange for its cultivation by any person either under a contract of tenancy or otherwise.

"(2) The Board may after entry on any land do or authorise to be done all things which they consider necessary or desirable for the purpose of the cultivation of the land or for adapting the land to cultivation, including fencing, and may also during their occupation of the land or on the termination thereof remove any such fencing or work of adaptation.

"(3) Any person who cultivates land under any such arrangement shall, on the determination, by or on behalf of the Board, of the arrangement, if the determination takes effect before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and eighteen, receive from the Board