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TUESDAY, 24 APRIL, 1917.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 20th day of April, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS an Army Council has been constituted under His Majesty's Letters Patent, and it is expedient to make such provision as is hereinafter contained with respect thereto:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Army Council.

All business, other than business which the Secretary of State specially reserves to himself, is to be transacted in the following principal divisions:—

(a) The Chief of the Imperial General Staff shall, in addition to performing such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Secretary of State, be responsible for issuing the orders of His Majesty's Government in regard to Military Operations.

(b) The Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff shall be responsible for the performance of such duties as the Chief of the Imperial General Staff may assign to him from time to time.

(c) The Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General and the Master-General of the Ordnance shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the organization, disposition, personnel, armament, and maintenance of the Army as shall be assigned to them, or each of them, from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(d) The Civil Member of the Army Council shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting the Territorial Force Associations, the Volunteer Force, and War Department lands, and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(e) The Finance Member of the Army Council shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the finance of the Army, and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.