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TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1917.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *November*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
 Lord Chamberlain.
 Sir Frederick Ponsonby.
 Mr. H. W. Forster.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council dated the 5th day of November, 1914, entitled the Cyprus (Annexation) Order in Council, 1914, it was directed that from and after the date of the said Order in Council the Island of Cyprus should be annexed to, and form part of, His Majesty's Dominions:

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the 3rd day of March, 1915, the High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief of Cyprus, hereinafter called the High Commissioner, declared that under and by virtue of the said Order in Council the following provisions had effect, namely:—

1. That all Ottoman Subjects resident in Cyprus on the 5th November, 1914, had become British Subjects;

2. That any Ottoman Subject resident in Cyprus on the 5th November, 1914, desiring

to retain Ottoman nationality might, by notice under his hand, addressed to the High Commissioner, elect to do so within one month of the coming into operation of the said Proclamation; and any such person electing so to do must leave Cyprus within two months after the date of his election, and take up his residence elsewhere, failing which he would be treated as a British Subject;

3. Nothing in the said Proclamation contained was to be deemed to affect the position of Ottoman Subjects born in Cyprus, and resident elsewhere on the 5th November, 1914, with regard to whom a further Proclamation would be issued in due course;

4. That the said Proclamation should come into operation on the 4th March, 1915:

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the effect of the said Order in Council of the 5th of November, 1914, upon the nationality of Ottoman Subjects who were in Cyprus on the date thereof, and as to the proper interpretation of the provisions of the said Proclamation regarding the grant of British nationality to Ottoman Subjects resident in Cyprus at that date:

And whereas it is desirable to make further provision regarding the position of Ottoman