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FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 5th day of February, 1918.

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 Regulations") 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 other enactments:

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 5 the following regulations shall be inserted:—

"5A. The Admiralty, Army Council or Minister of Munitions may by order if they or he consider it necessary to do so for the purpose of securing the public safety or defence of the realm take over the control and maintenance of any highway, but nothing in this regulation shall relieve any authority or person who, but for this regulation, would have been responsible for the maintenance of such highway from liability for the payment of the cost of such maintenance, and that cost may be recovered by the Admiralty, Army Council or Minister of Munitions from any such authority or person:

"Provided that the amount so recoverable shall not exceed the amount which at the cost of labour and materials ruling during the period in respect of which the amount is claimed such authority or person