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FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1919.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 5th day of February, 1919.

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 follow-

ing amendment be made in the said regulations:—

After Regulation 43b the following Regulation shall be inserted:—

"43c. With a view to affording to the public similar protection in relation to the supply of electricity to that conferred in relation to the supply of gas and water by section four of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, the following provision shall have effect:—

"Where a person employed by a Government Department or by a municipal authority or by any company or contractor upon whom is imposed by Act of Parliament the duty, or who have otherwise assumed the duty of supplying any city, borough, town or place, or any part thereof, with electricity, wilfully and maliciously breaks a contract of service with that department, authority, company, or contractor, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his so doing, either alone or in combination with others, will be to deprive the inhabitants of that city, borough, town, place, or part, wholly or to a great extent of their supply of electricity, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations."

Almeric FitzRoy.