

(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. In Regulation 2A B after the words "Commissioners of Works," where those words first occur, there shall be inserted the words "or as respects Ireland the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland."

2. In Regulation 14 B for the words "and the Chief Secretary respectively, shall" there shall be substituted the words "and references to the Lord Lieutenant or Chief Secretary shall respectively."

3. In Regulation 30 E after the words "A person shall not" there shall be inserted the words "except under and in pursuance of a licence granted by the Treasury."

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *February*, 1920.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty has been pleased to approve a change in the constitution of the Army Council:

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 Under Secretary of State 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.

(b) The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, the Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General, the Master-General of the Ordnance, and the Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the organisation, 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.

(c) 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.

(d) The Surveyor-General of Supply shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business relating to the commercial administration of Army supplies as is not under the control of the Ministry of Munitions, and as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(2) The Secretary of the War Office will act as Secretary of the Army Council, and will be charged with the interior economy of the War Office, and the preparation of all official communications of the Council, and with such other duties as the Secretary of State may, from time to time, assign to him.

(3) The Military Members of the Army Council shall have precedence amongst themselves according to their Army Seniority.

(4) This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Order in Council dated the 27th day of February, 1918.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *February*, 1920.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by sub-section (1) of Section eleven of the Ministry of Health Act, 1919, (hereinafter called "the Act"), it is enacted that the Act shall come into operation upon such day or days as may be appointed by Order in Council and that different days may be appointed for different purposes and provisions of the Act:

And whereas by proviso (i) of sub-section (1) of Section three of the Act it is enacted that the power conferred upon the Insurance Commissioners of retaining and applying for the purposes of research the sums mentioned in sub-section (2) of Section sixteen of the National Insurance Act, 1911, shall not be transferred to the Minister of Health but that the duties heretofore performed by the Medical Research Committee shall after the date of the commencement of the Act be carried out by or under the direction of a Committee of the Privy Council appointed by His Majesty for that purpose:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section eleven of the Ministry of Health Act, 1919, and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Ministry of Health Act, 1919 (Date of Commencement) Order, 1920.

2. For the purpose of the provisions in the Act specified in the Schedule hereto, the date of the commencement of the Act shall be the 1st day of April, 1920.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*