

of the Air Council and the manner of the appointment of the members thereof:

And whereas by Section 14 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, Orders in Council made under that Act may be varied and revoked by subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient that the provisions of the said Order in Council, so far as they relate to the distribution of the business of the Air Council among the members thereof, should be varied, and that for that purpose the provisions hereinafter contained should be substituted for those contained in the said Order in Council:

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

(1) The Air Council shall consist of the following members, that is to say:—

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State who shall be President of the Air Council.

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Air.

The Chief of the Air Staff.

The Air Member for Personnel.

The Air Member for Supply and Research.

The Secretary of the Air Ministry.

(2) Of the members of the Air Council (other than the President) the Chief of the Air Staff shall be appointed by His Majesty and the other members shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

(3) There may be included in the Air Council such additional members (if any) not exceeding two, as may be appointed by the Secretary of State.

(4) The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Air 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 Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Air to be Vice-President of the Air Council and to be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business of the Air Council, and in particular of that relating to Civil Aviation, as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(b) The Chief of the Air Staff to be the first and Senior Air Member of Council, and principal adviser of the Secretary of State in the direction of the Air Force; and in particular to be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the disposition, command, employment, organisation, communications and works services of the Air Force, as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(c) The Air Member for Personnel to be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the personnel, discipline and training of the Air Force as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(d) The Air Member for Supply and Research to be responsible to the Secretary of State for so much of the business relating to the equipment, armament, maintenance

and transport of the Air Force, and to aeronautical research and inspection both for the Air Force and for civil purposes, as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(e) The Secretary of the Air Ministry to be responsible to the Secretary of State for such duties discharged by the Air Ministry as are not assigned to other members of the Council, for the control of expenditure, and for the co-ordination of Air Ministry business; and to be also designated Secretary of the Air Council and as such charged with the preparation of all official communications of the Council.

(5) Subject to the foregoing provisions as to the transaction of business in separate divisions the powers and duties of the Air Council may be exercised and performed by any three of their number and notwithstanding that any office, the holder of which is a member of the Air Council, is temporarily vacant, provided however, that documents may be signed on behalf of the Air Council by any two members of the Air Council.

(6) This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Order in Council dated the 14th day of July, 1922.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *December*, 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty, in pursuance of the power conferred upon Him by section thirteen of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, was pleased, by Order in Council made the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and entitled the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 1) Order, 1918, to order that the Military Lands Act, 1892, being one of the enactments specified in the first column of the Schedule to the said Order, should apply so as to confer on the President of the Air Council all such powers, rights and privileges in relation to the acquisition and holding of land for the use of the Air Force or for Air Force services or purposes, and in relation to the management, use and disposal in any manner of land acquired for the use of the Air Force or for Air Force services or purposes, as were under that Act at the date of the said Order vested in His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department in relation to the acquisition and holding of land for military purposes or for the service of the War Department, and in relation to the management, use and disposal of land acquired for military purposes or for the service of the War Department, and that that Act as in force at the date of the said Order should apply and have effect in relation to the President of the Air Council and the Air Force with the modifications and adaptations set out in the second column of the said Schedule:

And whereas doubts have arisen whether the provisions of the Military Lands Act, 1892, as applied by the said Order have effect subject to the amendments of those provisions contained