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TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1927.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of March, 1927.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria in Council was pleased on the 5th day of May, 1873, to make an Order in Council (in this Order referred to as "the Order of 1873") as to the issue and effect of Commissions in Her Land, Royal Marine and Auxiliary Forces and the forms thereof:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Order should be revoked and that in lieu thereof provision should be made in manner herein-after appearing:

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. For the purposes of Commissions, His Majesty's Military Forces shall be divided into the following forces, each of which is in this Order referred to as a force:—

- (1) The Land Forces; that is to say, the Regular Forces at home and abroad with their reserves, including the Militia;
- (2) The Royal Marines, including their reserves;
- (3) The Territorial Army, including its reserves.

2. Save as hereinafter provided with respect to Commissions in the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, Honorary Commissions and Commissions of officers who at the date of this Order have retired or are not on the active list, there shall be issued—

- (a) to every officer on the active list at the date of this Order in the Land Forces,

the Royal Marines, or the Territorial Army, who has not before the first day of April, 1927, received a Commission in the form numbered 3 in Schedule B to the Order of 1873;

(b) to every officer of any force on first appointment after the date of this Order to commissioned rank in any other force;

(c) to every person on first appointment after the first day of April, 1927, by His Majesty to commissioned rank in the Land Forces, the Royal Marines, or the Territorial Army;

(d) to every officer of the Land Forces not holding commissioned rank in the Regular Forces on appointment after the date of this Order to commissioned rank in the Regular Forces;

a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual in the form set out in Part I of the Schedule to this Order.

3. There shall be issued to every person on first appointment by His Majesty to the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, including persons so appointed before the date of this Order who have not before that date received a Commission in that Department, a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual in the form set out in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

4. There shall be issued to every person appointed by His Majesty to an Honorary rank in the Land Forces, the Royal Marines, or the Territorial Army, who does not hold any other Commission, a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual in the form set out in Part III of the Schedule to this Order.

5. Where an officer of the Land Forces, the Royal Marines, or the Territorial Army, has