

" 2. The foregoing Regulation shall apply to Officers appointed as Admirals Superintendent of H.M. Dockyards on or after 1st October, 1931."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *October*, 1931.

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 subdivisions:—

(a) The Finance Member of the Army Council (Financial Secretary of the War Office) shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the finance of the Army, the administration of business affecting the Territorial Army Associations 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 First Military Member of the Army Council (the Chief of the Imperial General Staff), the Second Military Member of the Army Council (the Adjutant-General to the Forces), the Third Military Member of the Army Council (the Quartermaster-General to the Forces), and the Fourth Military Member of the Army Council (the Master-General of the Ordnance) 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 may be assigned to them, or each of them, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(c) The Permanent Under-Secretary of State shall be a Member, and Secretary, of the Army Council and responsible to the Secretary of State for the preparation of all official communications of the Council and for the interior economy of the War Office: he shall also be responsible, on his appointment as Accounting Officer of Army Votes, Funds and Accounts, for the control of expenditure and for advising the Secretary of State and the Administrative Officers at the

War Office and in Commands on all questions of Army expenditure. He shall further be charged with such other duties as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

2. This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Order in Council dated 21st day of March, 1924.

*M. P. A. Hankey.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 7th day of *October*, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the National Economy Act, 1931, it is enacted that during the period of one month after the commencement of that Act (that is to say, the thirtieth day of September, 1931) His Majesty may, in respect of certain services, including Unemployment Insurance, make such Orders in Council as appear to Him to be expedient for the purposes of effecting economies in the expenditure falling to be defrayed out of the Consolidated Fund, out of moneys provided by Parliament, or out of any fund established by the enactments relating to any of the said services, and of effecting improvements in the arrangements for meeting such expenditure:

And whereas it is enacted by the said Act that any such Order may (among other things) make provision—

for altering the respective proportions in which expenditure in respect of any such service is to be defrayed out of any fund so established as aforesaid and out of moneys provided by Parliament and for making transfers and adjustments between any such funds, or between any such fund and any other statutory fund;

for imposing duties on local authorities in connection with the administration of any such service;

for increasing the contributions to be made to the unemployment fund, and for securing that, as from the date on which the Treasury cease to have power to make advances for the purpose of meeting deficiencies in that fund, any such deficiency shall be met out of such moneys as may be provided by Parliament for that purpose; and

for the modification or termination of statutory or contractual rights, obligations and restrictions subsisting at the date when the provisions of the Order take effect:

And whereas it is expedient for the purposes aforesaid that the provisions hereinafter contained shall have effect:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the enactments hereinbefore recited and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained with respect to the making of transitional payments to persons whose circumstances are such that whilst unemployed they