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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of *July*, 1939.

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 sub-divisions:—

(a) The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting 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), and the Third Military Member of the Army Council (the Quarter-Master-General to the Forces) 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 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 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 Director-General of the Territorial Army shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting the Territorial Army Associations, 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.

(e) 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 24th February, 1938.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*