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At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 14th day of August 1896.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS by the eleventh section of "The Volunteer Act, 1863," it is amongst other things enacted that "Her Majesty in Council may " from time to time declare what is requisite to "entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient "Volunteer by an Order in Council defining for that purpose the extent of attendance at drill to " be given by the Volunteer, and the course of " instruction to be gone through by him, and the " degree of proficiency in drill and instruction to " be attained by him and his Corps, such proficiency " to be judged of by the Inspecting Officer at the "Annual Inspection of the Corps, or otherwise, "as by Order in Council is from time to time "directed," and that "the draft of any scheme to "be from time to time submitted to Her Majesty " in Council for approval under the present section "shall have been laid before both Houses of " Parliament for one lunar month at least, either " before or after, or partly before and partly after, " the passing of this Act during the present, or " for the like period during any subsequent, Session " of Parliament before such scheme receives the "approval of Her Majesty in Council":

And whereas it is deemed expedient that the Order in Council bearing date the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty, declaring what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient Volunteer, be amended as regards the efficiency of Volunteers belonging to Rifle Corps: And whereas a draft of the proposed amendment was on the thirteenth day of July last laid before both Houses of Parliament in the words mentioned and set forth in the Schedule to this Order annexed, and one lunar month having elapsed since that time, the said amendment of the said Order hath this day been submitted to Her Majesty in Council for Her approval thereof:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty having this day taken the proposed amendment into consideration, doth, in pursuance and exercise of the power in Her Majesty by the said Act of Parliament in that behalf vested, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, hereby amend, in the words of the draft scheme of amendment forming the Schedule to this Order annexed, the aforesaid Order in Council of the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and doth declare Her Royal approval of such amendment.

C. L. PEEL.

SCHEDULE.

AMENDMENT, under the provisions of the Volunteer Act, 1863, of the Scheme relative to the Efficiency of Volunteers in force under Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated thirty-first July one thousand eight hundred and eighty, or subsequent amending Orders.

To substitute for the existing Certificate of Efficiency for Volunteers of Rifle Corps a Certificate in the form and words hereinafter showp.

EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATE FOR VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

(1) That A B No. was duly enrolled in the muster roll of the Volun

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