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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1915.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of June 1915.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

W HEREAS under the Ministry of Munitions Act, 1915, it is lawful for His Majesty to appoint a Minister of Munitions, and the Minister of Munitions is to have such administrative powers and duties in relation to the supply of munitions for the present war as may be conferred on him by His Majesty in Council, and His Majesty may also, if he considers it expedient that, in connection with the supply of munitions, any powers or duties of a Government Department or Authority, whether conferred by statute or otherwise, should be transferred to, or exercised or performed concurrently by, the Minister of Munitions, by Order in Council make the necessary provision for the purpose, and any Order made in pursuance of these powers may include any supplemental provisions which appear necessary for the purpose of giving full effect to the Order :

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. It shall be the duty of the Minister of Munitions to examine into and organise the sources of supply and the labour available for the supply of any kind of munitions of war, the supply of which is in whole or in part undertaken by him, and by that means, as far as possible, to ensure such supply of munitions for the present war as may be required by the Army Council or the Admiralty or may otherwise be found necessary.

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2. There shall be transferred to the Minister of Munitions as from a date to be agreed upon in each case between the Minister of Munitions and the Department or Authority concerned—

(a) from the Army Council the functions of the Department of the Master-General of the Ordnance in relation to contracts, the supply of explosives, and the inspection of munitions, subject, however, in each case to any exceptions and limitations which may be agreed upon between the Army Council and the Minister;

(b) such functions—

(i) in relation to work carried on at the Woolwich Arsenal, the Enfield Small Arms Factory, and the Waltham Powder Factory, as may be agreed upon between the Minister of Munitions and the Army Council; and