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FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1918.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of May 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-eighth day of November nineteen hundred and fourteen, His Majesty was pleased to make regulations (called the "Defence of the Realm Regulations") under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm :

And whereas the said Act has been amended by the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Defence of the Realm (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1915, and the Munitions of War Act, 1915, and other enactments :

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council :

And whereas it is expedient further to amend the said regulations in manner hereinafter appearing :

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following amendments be made in the said regulations :—

1. After Regulation 7BBB the following regulation shall be inserted :—

"7BC. If in the case of any tramway undertaking carried on under statutory powers by a local authority it appears to the Board of Trade

that it is necessary for the successful prosecution of the war that the undertaking should be carried on in an efficient manner, but that owing to circumstances arising out of the war it cannot be so carried on without either charging tolls, fares, and charges in excess of those which the local authority is authorised in any year to charge or without applying in aid of a deficiency in any year in the revenue of the undertaking local rates or funds which are not applicable to that purpose, the Board of Trade may by order authorise the local authority to charge the local rates or funds with any such deficiency and to defray the deficiency thereout to such extent and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order and may by such order modify any provision in any local Act regulating the undertaking to such extent and during such period as appears to the Board necessary for the purpose aforesaid, or for the purpose of relieving the local authority from the obligation of making allowances for renewals or depreciation."

2. After Regulation 30E the following regulation shall be inserted :—

"30EE.—(1) No person shall after the twenty-seventh day of May nineteen hundred and eighteen, have or retain at any time in his possession or under his control silver coins current in the United Kingdom of a value exceeding that of the amount of silver coinage reasonably required by him at that time for the purposes of the personal expenditure of himself and his family and of his trade or business (if any) ; and if any person acts in contravention