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FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1920.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of July 1920.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Order in Council dated the 10th January 1910 (hereinafter referred to as "the Consolidated Order"), and other Orders in Council dated respectively the 22nd March 1918, the 23rd October 1918, the 18th December 1918, the 15th April 1919, the 18th August 1919, the 9th December 1919, and the 11th March 1920, provision was made for testing the qualifications of persons proposed to be appointed, whether permanently or temporarily, to situations or employment in His Majesty's Civil Establishments, and for regulating the conduct of the said Establishments and the conditions of service therein:

And whereas by Order in Council dated the 5th February 1918, certain persons were appointed to be His Majesty's Commissioners for testing, in accordance with the Consolidated Order or such further Orders as His Majesty might issue in that behalf, the qualifications of persons proposed to be appointed as aforesaid, and for certain other purposes:

And whereas it is expedient to make further provision in relation to the matters aforesaid:

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.—(1) The persons appointed to be His Majesty's Commissioners as aforesaid by the said Order of the 5th February 1918, or such other persons as His Majesty in Council may from time to time approve, shall be His Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners (hereinafter called "the Commissioners") for certifying the qualifications of the persons proposed to be appointed to any situation or employment in His Majesty's Civil Establishments.

(2) The Commissioners shall hold office during His Majesty's pleasure, and shall have power, subject to the approval of the Treasury, to employ from time to time such assistants as they may require for the discharge of the duties assigned to them.

2. The qualifications of all persons proposed to be appointed, whether permanently or temporarily, to any situation or employment in any of His Majesty's Civil Establishments shall, before they are appointed, be approved by the Commissioners, and no person shall be so appointed until a certificate of his qualification has been issued by the Commissioners:

Provided that—

(a) the provisions of this Article shall not apply to any of the situations enumerated in the Schedule to this Order; and

(b) it shall not be necessary for any person who, at the date on which this Order comes into operation, holds a certificate of qualification from the Commissioners to obtain a new certificate of qualification on being appointed either by transfer or promotion to