

as to the appointment of Officers to, or their removal from, responsible positions in connection with works. He shall advise on all questions relating to the technical instruction of the Corps of Royal Engineers, and shall make such inspections as may be necessary to test the professional training of the Officers and men of the Corps, and to secure the efficiency of the Services under his control. He shall advise the Secretary of State on questions connected with the duties of his department.

IV.—DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF ORDNANCE.

The Director-General of Ordnance shall, under the supervision of the Commander-in-Chief, be charged with supplying the Army with warlike stores, except Engineer stores, equipment, and clothing; with the direction of the Ordnance Committee and Manufacturing Departments of the Army; with dealing with questions of armament, of patterns of inventions and designs, and with the inspection of all stores, except Engineer, Medical, and Veterinary stores, whether supplied by the Manufacturing Departments or by contractors. He shall administer the Army Ordnance Department and Army Ordnance Corps, and shall make such inspections as may be necessary to secure the efficiency of the Service under his control. He shall submit proposals for the Annual Estimates for the above Services, and shall advise the Secretary of State on questions connected with the duties of his departments.

V.—DEPARTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Director-General, Army Medical Department, shall, under the supervision of the Commander-in-Chief, be charged with the administration of the Medical Establishments of the Army and of the Royal Army Medical Corps, with dealing with sanitary questions relating to the Army, with the preparation of medical and sanitary statistical returns, and with the supply of medical stores to the Army. He shall advise the Secretary of State as to the general distribution of the Royal Army Medical Corps, as to the appointment of Officers to, or their removal from, responsible positions therein, and on all other matters connected with his department. He shall make such inspections as may be necessary to ensure the efficiency of the Services under his control, and shall submit proposals for the Annual Estimates for the Medical Services.

VI.—THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

The Financial Secretary shall be charged—

With financially reviewing the expenditure proposed to be provided in the Annual Estimates for Army Services, and with compiling those Estimates for submission to Parliament;

With financially reviewing any proposals for new expenditure, or for any proposed redistribution of the sums allotted to the different sub-heads of the votes for Army Services;

With seeing that accounts of all expenditure of cash and stores are correctly and punctually rendered; with auditing and allowing all such expenditure, and recording the same under its proper head of Service in the annual account for Parliament; with issuing all warrants for the payment of moneys; with making all imprests to accountants and others;

With the financial control of the Manufacturing Departments of the Army, and with controlling and recording all contracts for Army Services;

And with advising the Secretary of State on all questions of Army expenditure.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is further pleased to direct that the Order in Council of the seventh March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, defining the duties of the Principal Officers under the Secretary of State for War charged with the administration of the Departments of the Army, be revoked.

And the Right Honourable St. John Brodrick, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 4th day of *November*, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS 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 a fresh Order in Council be substituted for the Order in Council bearing date the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty, as amended by the Orders in Council bearing date fourteen h April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, fifteenth September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, twenty-eighth May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, thirtieth June one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-first October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, twenty-eighth June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, thirtieth April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, seventh August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, fourteenth August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, twentieth October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and fourteenth July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, declaring what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient Volunteer.

And whereas a draft of the said new Order in Council was on the nineteenth 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 scheme hath this day been submitted to His Majesty in Council for His approval thereof.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having this day taken the said amendment into consideration, doth, in pursuance and exercise of the power in His Majesty by the said Act of Parliament in that behalf vested, and by and with the advice of His