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FRIDAY, 21 APRIL, 1916.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *April*, 1916.

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 (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914") 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 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 fol-

lowing amendment be made in the said Regulations:

After Regulation 9, the following regulation shall be inserted:—

"9A. Where there is reason to apprehend that the holding of a meeting in a public place will give rise to grave disorder, and will thereby cause undue demands to be made upon the police or military forces, it shall be lawful for a Secretary of State, or for any mayor magistrate or chief officer of police who is duly authorised for the purpose by a Secretary of State, or for two or more of such persons so authorised, to make an order prohibiting the holding of the meeting, and if a meeting is held, or attempted to be held, in contravention of any such prohibition, it shall be lawful to take such steps as may be necessary to disperse the meeting or prevent the holding thereof.

"In the application of this regulation to Scotland, references to the Secretary for Scotland and a provost shall be substituted respectively for references to a Secretary of State and a mayor.

"In the application of this regulation to Ireland, references to the Lord Lieutenant shall be substituted for references to a Secretary of State."

*Almeric FitzRoy.*