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TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1917.

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of February, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS 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 follow-

ing amendments be made in the said regulations:—

1. In subsection (1) of Regulation 2L paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be omitted.

In subsection (4) of the same regulation, the words "by any deterioration of the land caused" shall be omitted.

Subsections (6), (7) and (8), of the same regulation shall be omitted, and after subsection (5) the following subsections shall be inserted:—

"(6) A local authority authorised to exercise on behalf of the Board any of the powers of the Board under this regulation may exercise such powers in respect of land of which the local authority is owner or occupier and may retain the rents and profits arising from such exercise of those powers, but shall not be entitled to receive from the Board any rent or compensation for the use thereof or for the exercise by the local authority of any powers under this regulation in respect of that land.

"(7) This regulation shall apply to Scotland with the substitution of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland for the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, of arbiter for arbitrator, and of the Agricultural Holdings