(2) No Tanner or Dresser of Sheep and Lamb Skins of the descriptions aforesaid shall without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts, tan or dress any such Skins, Pelts or Basils otherwise than for the production of leather for the purposes of a Government Contract or Order or for such other purpose as may be approved by or on behalf of the Director of Army Contracts.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. Brade.

War Office, 4th July, 1917. (UNITED THE STANDING TIMBER KINGDOM) ORDER, 1917.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council do hereby order as

1. From the date hereof until further notice no person shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies, buy any Standing Timber in the United Kingdom provided that nothing herein contained shall apply

(1) to any purchase of Real Estate having Timber standing thereon;

- (2) to any purchase of standing Timber for an amount not exceeding in the aggregate for any one purchaser in respect of any period of three months the sum of Three Hundred Pounds.
- 2. All persons engaged in the purchase or sale of Standing Timber shall furnish such particulars as to their business as may be required from time to time by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies.

3. This Order may be cited as The Standing Timber (United Kingdom) Order, 1917.

By Order of the Army Council,

R. H. Brade.

War Office, 4th July, 1917. THE HOME GROWN TIMBER PRICES (GREAT BRITAIN) ORDER, 1917.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby order as follows:

1. From the date hereof until further notice no person shall, without a permit issued by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies, sell any Timber grown in Great Britain of the descriptions set out in the Schedule hereto annexed at prices exceeding the prices set out in the said Schedule, or such other prices as in any particular case may be allowed by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies.

2. All persons engaged in the purchase or sale of converted Timber, including pitwood, grown in Great Britain shall furnish such particulars as to their business as may be required from time to time by or on behalf of the Controller of Timber Supplies.

3. This Order may be cited as the Home Grown Timber Prices (Great Britain) Order,

1917.

By Order of the Army Council, R. H. Brade. SCHEDULE.

Spruce or Scots Fir. Larch. Per Cubic Per Cubic Foot. Foot.

DEALS AND BATTENS.

In sizes of 2 in. by 2 in. to 3s. 6d. 4 in. by 9 in., averaging 11 ft. long.

BOARDS (averaging 7 in. wide).

4s. 6d. Thicknesses, under 1-in. ... 48. ½ to 1 in. inclusive 3s. 6d. 4s. over 1 in. to 17 in. 3s. 3d. 3s. 9d. inclusive.

TIMBER (over 4 in. thick, averaging 11 ft. long)

3s. 9d. 4s. 3d.

PLANKING (over 9 in. wide, averaging 11 ft. long)

month.

SLEEPERS (either Spruce, Scots Fir, or Larch,

9 ft. long, 10 in. by 5 in.) 8 in. face at 7s. 6d. each. 7 in. face at 7s. each.

5 in. face at 6s. 3d. each.

The above prices are for Timber delivered free on rail at Loading Station, and are subject to customary discount for payment in one

India Office, 6th July, 1917.

ROYAL WARRANT.

Whereas We deem it expedient to amend Our Warrant of 25th June, 1907, under which the Indian Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded to Indian commissioned and non-commissioned officers and men of Our Indian Regular Forces, including the reserve of the Indian Army, Border Militia and Levies, Military Police and Imperial Service troops, for distinguished service in the Field;

Our Will and Pleasure is that Indian noncombatants attached to Forces engaged on field service shall be included amongst the classes eligible for the aforesaid Medal; and further, that where Indian commissioned and non-commissioned officers and men, including non-combatants attached to Forces engaged on field service, who are in possession of Medals for Distinguished Service awarded under Our Warrant of 25th June, 1907, or this Our Warrant, have been recommended on account of further distinguished service, a Bar shall be added to the Distinguished Service Medal already conferred.

> Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this Thirtieth day of June, in the Eighth year of Our reign and in the year of our Lord 1917.

INCOME TAX.

Whereas it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Forest, in the county of Berks, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to His Majesty duties on profits arising from property, pro-fessions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Police Station,