

10. This Proclamation shall come into force in India on the expiration of six months from the date thereof, or if it is sooner promulgated in India, on the date on which it is so promulgated, and may be cited as the Bombay Mint Proclamation, 1917.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this Twenty-first day of *December*, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 1917.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section eight of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917, it is enacted that—

(1) For the purpose of the administration of matters relating to the Air Force and to the defence of the realm by air there shall be established an Air Council consisting of one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State who shall be President of the Air Council and of other members who shall be appointed in such manner and subject to such provisions as His Majesty may by Order in Council direct:

(2) His Majesty may by Order in Council fix the date as on which the Air Council is to be established and make provision with respect to the proceedings of the Air Council and the manner in which the business of the Council is to be distributed among the members thereof:

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. As from such date as His Majesty may hereafter fix by Order in Council as the date on which the Air Council is to be established the Air Council shall consist of the following members, that is to say:—

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State who shall be President of the Air Council;

The Chief of the Air Staff;

The Deputy Chief of the Air Staff;

The Master General of Personnel;

The Controller General of Equipment;

The Director General of Aircraft Production in the Ministry of Munitions;

The Administrator of Works and Buildings;

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State;

Two additional Members.

2. Of the members of the Air Council (other than the President) the Chief of the Air Staff, the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, the Master General of Personnel, the Controller General of Equipment, and the Inspector General of the Air Force, shall be appointed by His Majesty; the Director General of Aircraft Production shall be appointed by the Minister of Munitions, and the other Members of the Air Council shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

3. The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Air Council.

All business, other than business which the Secretary of State specially reserves to himself, is to be transacted in the following principal divisions:—

(a) The Chief of the Air Staff, the Master General of Personnel, and the Controller General of Equipment, to be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the organisation, disposition, personnel, equipment, armament and maintenance of the Air Force as may be assigned to them or each of them from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(b) The Deputy Chief of the Air Staff to be responsible for the administration of so much of the business assigned to the Chief of the Air Staff as may be delegated to him by the Chief of the Air Staff.

(c) The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State to be responsible to the Secretary of State for the finance and contracts of the Air Force, for the acquisition and administration of lands required for the purposes of the Air Force, and for so much of the other business of the Air Council as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(d) The Administrator of Works and Buildings to be responsible to the Secretary of State for the provision and maintenance of the works and buildings required for the Air Force.

(e) The Secretary of the Air Council to be charged with the interior economy of the Department and the preparation of all official communications of the Council, and with such other duties as the Secretary of State may from time to time assign to him.

4. Subject to the foregoing provisions as to the transaction of business in separate divisions, the powers and duties of the Air Council may be exercised and performed by any three of their number, and notwithstanding that any office the holder of which is a member of the Air Council is temporarily vacant.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *November*, 1917.

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 Regulations") 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 other enactments:

And whereas the said regulations have been amended by various subsequent Orders in Council:

And whereas it is expedient further to amend