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FRIDAY, 4 JANUARY, 1918.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *January*, 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Harold Sidney, Baron Rothermere, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Almeric FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *January*, 1918.

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:

And whereas His Majesty by Order in Council dated the twenty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and seventeen, made provision with respect to the constitution of the Air Council and the manner of the appointment of the members thereof:

And whereas it is expedient to make provision with respect to the date as on which the Air Council is to be established, and also to amend the said Order in Council 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, as follows:—

1. The date as on which the Air Council is