

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of *December*, 1920.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the Bishops Resignation Act, 1869, a Representation has been made to His Majesty by the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan, at the instance of the Right Reverend Edmund Arbutnot, by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Manchester, and as such a Bishop of a diocese within and of the Province of York, that the said Bishop is desirous of resigning his Bishopric (such resignation to take formal effect upon the 1st day of January, 1921), reason that he is incapacitated by permanent physical infirmity from the due performance of his duties as Bishop:

And whereas His Majesty is satisfied of such incapacity, and that the said Bishop has canonically resigned:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to declare, and it is hereby declared, that the said Bishopric of Manchester is vacant, the vacancy taking effect on the 1st day of January, 1921, and His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased to direct, and it is hereby directed, that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the Diocese of Manchester.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

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WHEREAS His Majesty has been pleased to approve a change in the Constitution of the Army Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Secretary of State is to be responsible to His Majesty and Parliament for all the business of the Army Council. All business other than business which the Secretary of State specially reserves to himself, is to be transacted in the following principal subdivisions:—

(a) The Under Secretary of State shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting the Territorial Force Associations and War Department Lands, and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(b) The First Military Member of the Army Council (the Chief of the Imperial General Staff), the Second Military Member of the Army Council (the Adjutant-General), the Third Military Member of the Army Council (the Quartermaster-General), the Fourth Military Member of the Army Council (the Master-General of Ordnance), and the Fifth Military Member of the Army Council (the Deputy Chief of the Imperial

General Staff) shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of so much of the business relating to the organisation, disposition, personnel, armament, and maintenance of the Army, as may be assigned to them, or each of them, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(c) The Finance Member of the Army Council shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the finance of the Army and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(d) The Surveyor-General of Supply shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the business relating to Army Contracts and the administration of Factories belonging to the War Office (other than the Royal Army Clothing Factory) and for so much of the other business of the Army Council as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

(e) The Secretary of the War Office shall be Secretary, and a Member, of the Army Council and responsible to the Secretary of State for the preparation of all official communications of the Council and for the interior economy of the War Office: he shall also be responsible on his appointment as Accounting Officer of Army Votes, Funds and Accounts for the control of expenditure and for advising the Secretary of State and the Administrative Officers at the War Office and in Commands on all questions of Army expenditure.

He shall further be charged with such other duties as may be assigned to him, from time to time, by the Secretary of State.

So long as there are two Joint Secretaries of the War Office, one of them will be appointed to exercise all the financial functions above mentioned.

2. This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Orders in Council dated the 15th day of February, 1909, and the 9th day of February, 1920.

*Almeric FitzRoy.*

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WHEREAS it is provided by the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, that as from such date or dates as His Majesty in Council may by Order determine there shall be transferred to the Minister of Transport all powers and duties of any Government Department in relation to:—

- (a) Railways;
- (b) Light Railways;
- (c) Tramways;
- (d) Canals, Waterways, and Inland Navigations,
- (e) Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and Vehicles and Traffic thereon;
- (f) Harbours, Docks and Piers.

And whereas it is further provided by the said Act that His Majesty may by Order make such incidental, consequential and supplemental provisions as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving full effect to