

and duties as are by these regulations conferred on the first mentioned Department and the officers thereof; and the Minister of Health, or as respects Scotland the Secretary for Scotland may, by arrangement with any Government Department on whom powers or duties are conferred or imposed by these regulations, confer or impose on any local authorities and their officers any powers and duties in connection with the enforcement of these regulations, and any powers and duties necessary to provide for the due discharge of any functions assigned to local authorities by any Government Department under these regulations.

25. The compensation payable in respect of any property which is requisitioned or of which possession is taken under these regulations shall be such as may be determined in default of agreement by a single arbitrator appointed in England by the Lord Chancellor and in Scotland by the Lord President of the Court of Session, and in assessing the amount of compensation payable in any particular case, regard shall not be had to any increase in the value of the property which is due to the emergency.

26.—(1) If any person contravenes or otherwise fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations or any order or direction made or given thereunder, or is guilty of an offence against these regulations, or obstructs any police or other officer or any other person in the execution of his duties under these regulations, he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding three months, or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine, and shall be liable to forfeit to the Crown any goods or money in respect of which the offence was committed.

(2) Where the person guilty of any such offence is a corporation, company or society, any director, officer, or trustee, or other person concerned with the management thereof, shall be guilty of the like offence unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or consent.

(3) For the purpose of the trial of a person for an offence under these regulations, such offence shall be deemed to have been committed either at the place in which the same actually was committed or at any place in which the offender may be, and the court in Scotland shall be the sheriff court.

27.—(1) Any police constable may arrest without warrant any person who so acts as to endanger the public safety, or who is guilty, or is suspected of being guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(2) Any police constable may, if authorised by order of a Secretary of State or of a chief officer of police, enter, if need be by force, any premises or place suspected of being used for purposes so endangering the public safety, and may search any part of such place or premises and may seize and detain anything found therein which is suspected of being used for such purposes as aforesaid, and deal with the things so seized in such manner as the Secretary of State may determine.

(3) Any police constable may search any person whom he believes to be in possession of, or to be using or carrying any article, the possession, use or carrying of which by such person is an offence against these regulations, and may

seize and detain any such article found on such person.

(4) Any police constable may stop and search any vehicle which he has reason to suspect to be used for any purpose prejudicial to the public safety, or contrary to these regulations, or to be carrying any article, the possession, use or carrying of which is an offence against these regulations, and may seize and detain any such vehicle or any such article found therein.

(5) In the application of this regulation to Scotland "the Secretary for Scotland" shall be substituted for "a Secretary of State."

28. Any person who attempts to commit, or solicits, or incites, or endeavours to persuade another person to commit, or procures, aids, or abets, or does any act preparatory to, the commission of any act prohibited by these regulations, or any order, directions, rules, or other instrument made thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

29. The Secretary of State may by order direct that during such period as may be specified in the order the time for general purposes in Great Britain shall be two hours in advance of Greenwich mean time, and during the period so fixed, if this regulation so long continues in force, any Order in Council in force under the Summer Time Act, 1916, as continued by the War Emergency Laws Continuance Act, 1920, shall have effect in Great Britain as if "two hours" were substituted for "one hour" in sub-section (1) of section one of the first-mentioned Act.

30. If the fulfilment by any person of any contract is interfered with by the necessity on the part of himself or any other person of complying with these regulations or any order or direction thereunder, that necessity shall be a good defence to any action or proceedings taken against that person in respect of the non-fulfilment of the contract so far as it is due to that interference.

31.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "chief officer of police"—

(a) with respect to any place in England or Wales, other than the City of London, has the meaning assigned to it by the Police Act, 1890;

(b) with respect to the City of London, means the Commissioner of the City Police;

(c) with respect to Scotland, has the meaning assigned to it by the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890; and

the expression "police constable" includes a special constable.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to these regulations as though they were an Act of Parliament.

32.—(1) Where by any Order in Council or by any Resolution of both Houses of Parliament, for the time being in force, any regulations or words are directed to be added to or omitted from these regulations, or to be substituted for any other regulations or words in these regulations, then copies of these regulations, printed under the authority of His Majesty's Stationery Office, after such direction takes effect, may be printed with the regulations or words added or omitted or substituted for other regulations or words, as such direction requires, and with the regulations and paragraphs thereof numbered in accordance with such direction; and these regulations shall be construed as if they had, at the time