

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of July, 1923.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**WHEREAS** by the Special Constables Act, 1914, as amended by the Special Constables Act, 1923, power is conferred on His Majesty, by Order in Council, to make Regulations with respect to the appointment and position of Special Constables appointed under the Special Constables Act, 1831, or under section one hundred and ninety-six of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and by these Regulations to make such provisions as are mentioned in the said Special Constables Act, 1914, as so amended:

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 power to nominate and appoint special constables under the Special Constables Act, 1831, may be exercised at any time on the requisition of the Chief Officer of Police or an officer, not below the rank of Inspector, acting under his directions, notwithstanding that a tumult, riot, or felony has not taken place or is not immediately apprehended.

Provided, however, that no person shall be so appointed before he has reached the age of 20 years.

2. Any special constable so appointed shall be appointed for the preservation of the public peace, and for the protection of the inhabitants and the security of property in the police district for which, or for any part of which, the justices making the appointment act, and no such special constable shall be authorised or required to be employed as a special constable otherwise than for such purposes as aforesaid.

3. The declaration to be made by a special constable shall be made in the following form:—

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lord the King in the office of special constable, without favour or affection, malice or illwill; and that I will to the best of my power cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and properties of His Majesty's subjects; and that while I continue to hold the said office I will to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law.

4. A special constable shall throughout the police district for which he is appointed, and also in any adjoining police district, have all the powers, privileges and duties which any constable duly appointed has within his constableness by virtue of the common law or of any statute for the time being in force.

5.—(1) All special constables shall in the execution of their duty act under the direction and control of the Chief Officer of Police of the police district for which they are appointed,

except that in exceptional circumstances, where the Secretary of State so directs, they shall act under the direction and control of such other authority as the Secretary of State may designate.

(2) In any Borough where special constables have been appointed under Section 196 (1) of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, the power to call upon such special constables to act may be exercised at any time by the Chief Officer of Police or an officer, not below the rank of Inspector, acting under his directions.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Police Authority may make such Regulations as may seem to them expedient for fixing the conditions of appointment, resignation and discharge of the special constables, for securing that only fit and proper persons shall be appointed special constables, for rendering the special constables efficient in the discharge of their duties, and for preventing neglect or abuse.

7.—(1) Provision may be made by the Police Authority for grants to special constables by way of—

(a) reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses necessarily incurred in the execution of duty, or an allowance in lieu thereof, including a Subsistence, Lodging or Refreshment Allowance not exceeding the amounts specified in Regulations 70 and 71 of the Police Regulations;

(b) an allowance in consideration of wages lost by a special constable while required for duty, or during a period of temporary incapacitation for following his ordinary employment by infirmity of mind or body occasioned by an injury received in the execution of his duty without his own default, or by illness contracted in the execution of his duty without his own default; provided that any such payment shall not exceed the amount of the wages lost and in no case shall exceed 10s. per diem;

(c) any other allowance approved by the Secretary of State;

but, save as aforesaid, no person voluntarily appointed as a special constable shall be entitled to any remuneration in respect of his services as such.

(2) Any such grants shall be paid out of the Police Fund.

8. Any allowance or other grant for which a special constable may be eligible under the preceding paragraph of this Order may be withheld by the Chief Officer of Police in any case where he is not satisfied that the special constable is well-conducted and efficient in the discharge of his duties; provided that, in the case of a Borough Police Force, any such decision of the Chief Officer of Police shall be subject to the approval of the Watch Committee.

9. A special constable may resign his office subject to his giving to the Chief Officer of Police, or such other person or authority under whose direction and control he acts, notice of such period as may have been fixed by the Police Authority or such other person or authority, as the case may be: provided that, if he has undertaken to serve as a special constable for any definite period, his resignation before the expiration of such period shall be subject to the consent of the Chief Officer of Police.

10. The Chief Officer of Police, or such other