

ditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas by Your Majesty's Order in Council bearing date the 6th December, 1922, Regulations were sanctioned for the government and payment of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, providing, *inter alia*, for the classification and advancement of Chief Motor Mechanics:

"And whereas we have had under consideration the question of the classification and advancement of certain Chief Motor Mechanics who previously served as Chief Motor Boatmen in the Auxiliary Patrol:

"And whereas service as Chief Motor Boatman was in all respects equivalent to the Service now required of a Chief Motor Mechanic, the title of Chief Motor Mechanic having been adopted as being more descriptive of the duties performed by the men, without involving any change in status or relative rank:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to direct that such former service as Chief Motor Boatman shall be allowed to count for the purpose of classification as Chief Motor Mechanic in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and for advancement to higher ratings in that branch.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

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 21st day of *March*, 1924.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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 sub-divisions:—

(a) The Under-Secretary of State shall be responsible to the Secretary of State for the administration of business affecting the Territorial Army 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), and the Fourth

Military Member of the Army Council (the Master-General of Ordnance) 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 Permanent Under-Secretary of State shall be a Member, and Secretary, 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.

2. This Order in Council shall be substituted for the Order in Council dated 13th day of October, 1922.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *March*, 1924.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme, bearing date the 7th day of February, 1924, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 33rd and 34th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 39, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 113, the Act of the 4th and 5th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 39, and the Act of the 31st and 32nd years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 114, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the Church and Cure (hereinafter called 'the said Benefice') of Avenbury, in the County of Hereford and in the Diocese of Hereford:

"Whereas the Advowson or perpetual right of Patronage of and presentation to the said