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TUESDAY, 26 JULY, 1927.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of July, 1927.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it appears expedient to His Majesty, on representations made to Him by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Army Gouncil and the Air Council that the conditions regulating the right of servants of the Crown to become candidates at Parliamentary elections should be made uniform:

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. No person employed by or under the Crown to whom this Order applies shall issue an address to electors or in any other manner publicly announce himself or allow himself to be publicly announced as a candidate or a prospective candidate for election to Parliament for any constituency until he has retired or resigned from such employment.
 - 2. This Order does not apply:---
 - (a) to persons holding political offices; or (b) to officers on the retired or emergency lists of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines or Royal Air Force or to officers and men of any of the auxiliary or reserve forces (including officers in any reserve of

officers) as such, except when embodied or called out on permanent or active service or otherwise employed under conditions to be prescribed by regulations made in pursuance of this Order; or

(c) to persons employed in an industrial capacity in establishments under the Admiralty, Army Council or Air Council, being establishments certified by the Treasury to be establishments of an industrial or predominantly industrial character, other than persons employed in such supervisory grades as may be specified in regulations made by the department concerned and approved by the Treasury;

but, save as aforesaid, shall apply to all persons in the naval, military, air or civil service of the Crown, or otherwise employed by or under the Crown, whether such employment is of a permanent or temporary nature, and whether established or unestablished.

- 3. For the purpose of this Order, the expression "political office" means any office which is usually held by a member of one or other of the Houses of Parliament, and in relation to officers and men in the naval, military, and air service of the Crown, the expressions "retired or resigned" and "auxiliary and reserve forces" have such meanings as may be prescribed by regulations made in pursuance of this Order.
- 4. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Army Council and the Air