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FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1931.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *October*, 1931.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the National Economy Act, 1931, it is enacted that during the period of one month after the commencement of that Act (that is to say, the 30th day of September, 1931), His Majesty may, in respect of the remuneration (otherwise than by way of pension assessed before the commencement of that Act) of persons in His Majesty's Service, make such Orders in Council as appear to Him to be expedient for the purposes of effecting economies in the expenditure falling to be defrayed out of the Consolidated Fund or out of moneys provided by Parliament:

And whereas it is enacted by the said Act that such Orders may (among other things) make provision for the modification or termination of statutory rights, obligations and restrictions subsisting at the date when the provisions of the Order take effect:

And whereas the amount of the salary to be paid in respect of certain offices in the Service of His Majesty has been specified in the enactments relating thereto, and it is expedient for the purposes aforesaid that the provisions hereinafter contained should have effect:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the enactment hereinbefore recited and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) Where the amount of the salary to be paid in respect of any office in His Majesty's Service is specified in any enactment there shall, as from the date when this Order takes effect, be made from that amount—

(a) in the case of a salary of £5,000 a year or more, an abatement of twenty per cent.:

(b) in the case of the salary payable in respect of the office of Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, an abatement of fifteen per cent., and in the case of any other salary of £2,000 a year or more, but less than £5,000 a year, an abatement of ten per cent.:

(c) in the case of a salary of less than £2,000 a year (not being a salary in addition to which any bonus is paid) an abatement of such percentage, not more than ten, as the Treasury may determine:

Provided that, in the case of a salary of less than £5,000 a year, there shall be made such additional abatement, if any, as is necessary to reduce the salary to £4,000 a year.