

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the enactments 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) The Minister shall from time to time, at such dates and in respect of such periods as the Treasury may direct, ascertain by what amount the sums which would otherwise have been required by insurance committees to meet expenditure properly incurred by them in connection with medical benefit under the Acts have been curtailed by measures taken to meet the present emergency and an amount equal to the amount so ascertained in respect of each such period shall be paid out of the funds out of which benefits are paid and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph.

(2) Any amount so paid out of such funds as aforesaid shall be applied, in such manner as the Treasury may direct, as appropriations in aid of moneys provided by Parliament for the expenses incurred by Government Departments in the administration of the Acts and shall, for the purposes of section four of the Act of 1924, be treated as part of the expenses of the administration of benefits.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply in relation to expenditure properly incurred in connection with medical benefit by the Seamen's National Insurance Society as they apply in relation to expenditure so incurred by an insurance committee.

2. If and in so far as any measures which the Minister may, in view of the present emergency, deem it necessary to take with respect to the remuneration of insurance practitioners, or persons supplying drugs or appliances for the purposes of medical benefit, are inconsistent with the terms of any agreement subsisting at the date when the provisions of this Order take effect, that agreement shall be deemed to be modified so far as may be necessary to enable those measures to be put into operation forthwith.

3. The Minister shall, so soon as may be, in respect of the period from the 2nd day of January, 1928, to the 31st day of December, 1931, and thereafter in respect of each half-year, ascertain the number of contributions represented by the sums collected on account of contributions under paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) of section nine of the Act of 1925 (which relates to employed persons who have attained the age of sixty-five) and in respect of each such period a sum equivalent to fourpence halfpenny multiplied by the number so ascertained shall be transferred from the Pensions Account to the Central Fund.

4. So much of subsection (1) of section sixty-eight of the Act of 1924 as provides that in respect of each year there shall be paid to the Central Fund a contribution out of moneys provided by Parliament shall cease to have effect.

5.—(1) This Order may be cited as the National Economy (National Health Insurance) Order, 1931, and shall have effect as from the first day of October, nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

(2) In this Order—

“the Minister” means, as respects England, the Minister of Health and, as respects Scotland, the Department of Health for Scotland;

“the Acts” means the Acts relating to National Health Insurance;

“the Act of 1924” means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924;

“the Act of 1925” means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925;

“the Central Fund” means the Central Fund established under section sixty-seven of the Act of 1924;

“the Pensions Account” means the Pensions Account established under section eleven of the Act of 1925.

(3) This Order and the Acts shall be construed together, and any reference in any Act or other document to the National Health Insurance Acts, 1924-1930, or to the enactments relating to national health insurance, shall be deemed to include a reference to this Order.

(4) This Order shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

M. P. A. Hankey.

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, by section two of the Pensions and Yeomanry Pay Act, 1884, His Majesty is empowered to make orders relating to pensions of soldiers, but subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) of that section:

And whereas, by virtue of the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 2) Order, 1921, orders may be made under the said section (as well as under other enactments) in relation to pensions of airmen:

And whereas it is expedient for the purposes aforesaid that the provisions hereinafter contained should have effect:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the National Economy Act, 1931, and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy