

Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Sub-section (4) of section two of the Pensions and Yeomanry Pay Act, 1884 (which confers upon a soldier a statutory right to receive such pension as was fixed by any order applying to him and in force at the time of his enlistment and for the payment whereof money shall have been voted by Parliament) shall, save as respects pensions assessed before the 30th day of September, 1931, cease to have effect in relation to soldiers and airmen whether enlisted before or after the coming into operation of this Order.

2. This Order may be cited as the National Economy (Soldiers' and Airmen's Pensions) Order, 1931, and shall have effect as from the 1st day of October, 1931.

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 certain services including roads, make such Orders in Council as appear to Him to be expedient, for the purpose (among other purposes) of effecting economies in the expenditure falling to be defrayed out of the Road Fund:

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 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. Subject as hereinafter provided, any statutory or contractual obligation created before the coming into operation of this Order, whereby the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") is required to make payments out of the Road Fund to any authority or person, may be terminated by notice in writing given by the Minister to that authority or person:

Provided that—

(a) no such obligation as aforesaid shall, in so far as the Minister is thereby required to make payments towards estimated expenditure which has been approved by him, be terminated under the powers conferred by this Article if the Minister is satisfied that the authority or person to whom the payments are required to be made had, on the 1st day of October, 1931, paid or become liable to pay more than twenty-five per cent. of the estimated expenditure so approved:

(b) this Article shall not apply with respect to any payments out of the Road Fund required to be made by subsection (4) of section three of the Roads Act, 1920, by section fifteen of the London Traffic Act, 1924, by section eighty-seven of the Local Government Act, 1929, by section fifty-four of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929, or by paragraph 14 of the Fourth Schedule to the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

2.—(1) Where the Minister withholds any contribution out of the Road Fund which, but for the exercise of the power hereinbefore conferred on him, he would have been required to make towards the expenditure of any authority or person in connection with the acquisition of land, any notice to treat served by that authority or person before the 1st day of October, 1931, for the purpose of the acquisition of that land may, with the written consent of the Minister, be withdrawn by notice in writing served by that authority or person, but in that event the authority or person shall be liable to pay to the person upon whom such a notice of withdrawal is served compensation equal to the amount of any expenses which he proves to have been reasonably incurred by him by reason or in consequence of the service of the notice to treat; and any dispute as to the right to any such compensation or as to the amount thereof shall be determined by an official arbitrator appointed under the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919:

Provided that no notice to treat served for the purpose of the acquisition of any land shall be so withdrawn—

(a) if the authority or person by whom the notice was served has entered on that land; or

(b) if the compensation payable to the person on whom the notice to treat was served has been finally assessed.

(2) Where compensation is paid by any authority or person in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Article, a sum equal to such part, if any, of the amount of that compensation as may be determined by the Minister shall be paid to the authority or person out of the Road Fund.

3. Where by or under any enactment powers have been conferred on any authority or person for the execution of any work, or for the acquisition of any land, towards the expenses of which the Minister was required by reason of any statutory or contractual obligation created before the coming into operation of this Order to make a payment out of the Road Fund and the period within which those powers may be exercised was limited by or under that enactment, then, if the obligation is terminated by the Minister under the powers conferred by Article 1 of this Order, that period shall be deemed to have been extended by three years.

4.—(1) This Order may be cited as the National Economy (Road Services) Order, 1931, and shall come into operation and have effect as from the 1st day of October, 1931.

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

M. P. A. Hankey.