

Downing Street, S.W.1,
28th August, 1937.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Captain The Honourable Sir Bede Edmund Hugh Clifford, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.V.O., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Mauritius and its Dependencies.

Amendments of Scheme approved
on 24th August, 1937.

COAL MINES ACT, 1930.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT (COAL MINES) SCHEME, 1930.

Whereas by subsection (5) of Section 1 of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, it is provided that any Scheme may be amended with the approval of the Board of Trade in manner provided by the Scheme;

And whereas in pursuance of powers conferred upon them by subsection (4) of Section 3 of the said Act, the Board of Trade have made the North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1937, which provides that the North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, may be amended so as to provide for the matters specified in the Schedule to the said Order in addition to the matters mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) of the said Section 3;

And whereas it is provided by Clause 33 of the said Scheme (*inter alia*) that any alteration in the provisions of the Scheme shall be operative from such date as may be prescribed by the Board of Trade;

And whereas in pursuance of the said Clause 33 the amendments of the said Scheme set out in the Schedule hereto have been submitted to the Board of Trade by the Executive Board elected under the provisions of the said Scheme;

Now therefore the Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by subsection (5) of Section 1 of the said Act hereby approve the amendments of the North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, set out in the Schedule hereto and prescribe the 26th day of August, 1937, as the date from which the said amendments shall come into force.

Harry Crookshank,
Secretary for Mines.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
Dean Stanley Street,
Millbank, London, S.W.1.
24th day of August, 1937.

SCHEDULE.

The North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, shall be amended in the following manner:—

1. Clause 65 shall have effect as if in sub-clause (1) thereof for the words after the second "quarter" to the end of the sub-clause there were substituted the words "in any manner

to which an allocation for inland supply relates, other than consumption in any excluded works of that owner".

2. For Clause 68 there shall be substituted the following Clause, that is to say:—

"68.—(1) Before the commencement of each period for which supply Allocation is made to the District (hereinafter referred to as an Allocation period), the Board shall determine the share of each owner in that Allocation and inform him thereof.

(2) In order to determine such shares, the Board shall deduct from the Allocation any tonnage which may be supplied by any owner for consumption in his excluded works and to which that Allocation would relate, and may in the case of Allocation for coal allot any part thereof to a class of coal in respect of which separate Sales Percentages have been determined.

(3) In the case of an Allocation for coal, the residue shall be distributed amongst all the owners by the application thereto of their Sales Percentages in respect of coal. In the case of an Allocation for a class of coal, and of any part of an Allocation for coal allotted to a class of coal, the Sales Percentages of the owners in respect of that class of coal shall be applied in the like manner. A tonnage thus determined for any owner shall be his supply tonnage for coal or a class of coal as the case may be in respect of the supply thereof during the Allocation period in a manner to which the Allocation relates otherwise than for consumption in his excluded works.

(4) Arrangements may be made by any two owners whereby any part of a supply tonnage of one of them may be transferred to the other and added to his like supply tonnage. Notice of any such arrangement must be given to the Secretary by the owners concerned within 24 hours of the making of the arrangement.

(5) If the supply tonnage of an owner, after adjustment to give effect to any such arrangement, exceeds the tonnage to which that supply tonnage relates supplied from his coal mine, he shall be deemed to have transferred the residue of such supply tonnage to the Board immediately before the end of the Allocation period.

(6) The Board shall distribute any tonnage so transferred among those owners whose like supply tonnages have been exceeded, so that if the sum of such excesses is greater than the supply tonnage transferred, the distribution shall be made in proportion to the supply tonnages of the participating owners, but so also that no owner shall receive a tonnage greater than that by which his supply tonnage is exceeded.

(7) If the supply tonnage of an owner, after any adjustment made by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this clause, is exceeded by the tonnage to which that supply tonnage relates supplied from his coal mine, he shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by Clause 87."

3. Clause 87 shall have effect as if for the words "arrangement under the proviso to" there were substituted the words "adjustment made by virtue of the provisions of".