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AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

THURSDAY the 28th day of NOVEMBER, 1940.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS by Order in Council P.C. 5299 of 2nd October, 1940, regulations were made providing for the speedy settlement of civilian claims arising out of negligent and tortious acts of members of the Canadian Forces on duty in the United Kingdom, particularly with reference to accidents involving Department of National Defence vehicles and aircraft;

AND WHEREAS members of the Canadian Forces are presently serving on duty in Iceland, Newfoundland, and the West Indies;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of National Defence for Air report:

That it is desirable that provision now be made for the speedy settlement of such civilian claims arising other than by reason of an aircraft accident in Iceland, Newfoundland, and the West Indies;

That in Iceland the procedure adopted is to have claims passed upon by a joint Civilian and Army Committee, on which there is Canadian representation on every matter in which Canadian Forces in Iceland are involved;

That in respect of claims pertaining to the Forces of the United Kingdom in Iceland, the General Officer Commanding, said United Kingdom Forces, has authority to pay claims adjudicated by the Committee, not exceeding £50.0.0 for personal injuries and £20.0.0 for property damage;

That Regulations, designed to make provision as aforesaid, based on those established by said Order in Council P.C. 5299 of 2nd October, 1940, have been drawn up, and the Acting Deputy Minister (Militia Service) and the Acting Deputy Minister (Air Service) of the Department of National Defence have recommended that the Regulations hereunder set out be passed.

Therefore/

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