CHAPTER 28.

An Act to provide for the disclosure of certain particulars respecting the Directors of Companies.

[2nd August 1917.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Obligation of companies to disclose particulars respecting directors.

1. In addition to the particulars with respect to the persons who are the directors, or occupy the position of directors, which by section twenty-six of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, are required to be included in the annual summary, or, in the case of a company incorporated outside the United Kingdom which establishes a place of business within the United Kingdom, are, by section two hundred and seventy-four of that Act, required to be included amongst the particulars to be filed with the Registrar of Companies, there shall be included such particulars with respect to those persons as would be required to be furnished with respect to them under the Registration of Business Names Act, 1916, if they were partners in a firm required to be registered under that Act, and the register required to be kept by a company under section seventy-five of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, shall include such particulars as aforesaid, and the obligation of the company under that section, or in the case of a company incorporated outside the United Kingdom under section two hundred and seventy-four of the said Act, from time to time to notify to the registrar any change among its directors shall include an obligation so to notify any change in any such particulars.

8 Edw. 7. c. 69.

6 & 7 Geo. 5. c. 58.

Additional obligations of companies.

2.—(1) Every company which has been registered between the twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and the passing of this Act, and every company incorporated outside the United Kingdom which has before the passing of this Act established a place of business within the United Kingdom, shall, within one month after the passing of this Act, and every company registered after the passing of this Act shall, within one month of the registration of the company, send to the registrar of companies, in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Trade, such particulars respecting the directors of the company and, except in the case of a company incorporated outside the United Kingdom, respecting the persons who since the registration of the company have been directors of the company, as would be required to be furnished with respect to them under the Registration of Business Names Act, 1916, if they were partners in a firm required to be registered under that Act, and if default is made in compliance with this section, the company shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds for every day

during which the default continues, and every director, secretary, and officer of the company who is knowingly a party to the default shall be guilty of a like offence and liable to a like penalty.

(2) Sections eighteen and nineteen of the Registration of Business Names Act, 1916, with respect to the publication in trade catalogues, trade circulars, show cards, and business letters of certain particulars, shall after the expiration of three months from the passing of this Act apply to every company which since the said twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, has been registered or, in the case of a company incorporated outside the United Kingdom which has since the said twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, established a place of business within the United Kingdom, or which may after the passing of this Act be registered or establish a place of business within the United Kingdom, as if the directors of the company were partners in a firm required to be registered under the first-mentioned Act:

Provided that if special circumstances exist which render it, in the opinion of the Board, expedient that such an exemption should be granted, the Board of Trade may by order grant, subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order, exemption from the obligations imposed by this subsection.

Meaning of director.

3. For the purposes of this Act and of sections twenty-six, seventy-five, and two hundred and seventy-four of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, as amended by this Act, the expression "director" shall include any person who occupies the position of a director and any person in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of a company are accustomed to act.

Short title and citation.
3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 25.
7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 18.

4. This Act may be cited as the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Act, 1917; and the Companies Acts, 1908 and 1913, the Companies (Foreign Interests) Act, 1917, and this Act may be cited together as the Companies Acts, 1908 to 1917.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to modify, during the continuance of the present War, and for a certain period thereafter, certain provisions contained in a Deed of Declaration or Deed Poll of the Reverend John Wesley, dated the twenty-eighth day of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-four.

[2nd August 1917.]

WHEREAS by deed of declaration or deed poll of the Reverend John Wesley, dated the twenty-eighth day of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, provision was