his acceptance at any time within one month after the commencement of this Act of the office of secretary in the Ministry of National Service.

3. This Act may be cited as the Ministry of National Service Act, 1917. Short title.

CHAPTER 7.

An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and seventeen and one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

[28th March 1917.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sums herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and 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:

1. The Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, the sum of sixty million four hundred and twenty-three thousand five hundred and seventy-five pounds. Issue of 60,423,575*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1917.

2. The Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, the sum of thirty-eight million twenty-five thousand pounds. Issue of 38,025,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1918.

3.—(1) The Treasury may borrow from any person, by the issue of Treasury Bills or otherwise, and the Bank of England and the Bank of Ireland may advance to the Treasury on the credit of the said sums, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole ninety-eight million four hundred and forty-eight thousand five hundred and seventy-five pounds. Power for the Treasury to borrow.

(2) The date of payment of any Treasury Bills issued under this section shall be a date not later than the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and section six of the Treasury Bills Act, 1877 (which relates to the renewal of bills), shall not apply with respect to those bills.

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(3) Any money borrowed otherwise than on Treasury Bills shall be repaid, with interest not exceeding five pounds per cent. per annum, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund, at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the money was borrowed.

(4) Any money borrowed under this section shall be placed to the credit of the account of the Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such Fund is available.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1917.

CHAPTER 8.

An Act to extend section four of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, to Mines other than Coal Mines.

[28th March 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:

Extension of s. 4 of the Act of 1908 to mines other than coal mines.

1. Section four of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908, which authorises the suspension of that Act as respects coal mines in the event of war and other emergencies, shall extend to all mines to which the other provisions of that Act apply in like manner as it extends to coal mines, and accordingly in that section after the words "demand for coal" there shall be inserted the words "or for the product of any other mines to which this Act applies" and for the words "coal mines" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the word "mines."

Short title

2. This Act may be cited as the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1917, and the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1914, and this Act may be cited together as the Coal Mines Acts, 1887 to 1917.