Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Issue of 500,878,040*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1919.

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 nineteen, the sum of five hundred million eight hundred and seventy-eight thousand and forty pounds.

Power for the Treasury to borrow

2.—(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 sum, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole five hundred million eight hundred and seventy-eight thousand and forty pounds.

(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 nineteen, and section six of the Treasury Bills Act, 1877 (which relates to the renewal of bills), shall not apply with respect to those bills.

40 & 41 Vict. c. 2.

(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.

3. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1918.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to give full effect to two Orders, relating to Beans, Peas, and Pulse, made by the Food Controller under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

[27th June 1918.]

WHEREAS in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 2F of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Food Controller made on the first and sixteenth days of May nineteen hundred and seventeen, respectively, the two orders set forth in the Schedule to this Act:

And whereas at the dates when the said orders were respectively made, many of the original consignees of the beans, peas,

and pulse to which the orders applied had parted with the property therein to other persons and were, therefore, not persons owning or having power to sell or dispose of the same:

And whereas it is expedient that the said orders should apply to all such original consignees:

Be it therefore 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:

Application of orders to original consignees.

1. The said orders shall apply to the original consignees of such beans, peas, and pulse as aforesaid, notwithstanding that at the date of the making of the order affecting any beans, peas, or pulse, such consignees thereof had parted with the property therein, and accordingly any contract under which the property in any such beans, peas, or pulse passed from the original consignees or from any persons deriving title under them to any other person, whether made before or after the respective dates of the said orders, shall be deemed to be and always to have been void and of no effect, and any documents of title relating to the said beans, peas, and pulse as aforesaid shall be delivered to the Food Controller, and any money paid under any such contract shall be repaid as if it had been paid for a consideration which had wholly failed.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Defence of the Realm (Beans, Peas, and Pulse Orders) Act, 1918.

SCHEDULE.

ORDERS OF FOOD CONTROLLER.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Food Controller hereby orders as follows:—

(1) The original consignees of all Burmah peas and beans for which tonnage has been or may be engaged or allocated, and which have not arrived at the date of this order and which shall arrive in the United Kingdom, shall place and hold such peas and beans at the disposal of the Food Controller:

(2) The peas and beans are taken over by the Food Controller from the original consignees, at the price, for Rangoon hand-picked white beans, of 37*l.* per ton nett delivered weight in bags c.i.f. to the United Kingdom, including war risk with customary trade conditions as set out in the Burmah bean contract of the London Rice Brokers' Association. All other varieties of beans and the peas are taken over at corresponding prices but otherwise on the same terms:

(3) Except as otherwise determined by the Food Controller in any particular case, all contracts for sale of any such peas or beans

made by the original consignees or any persons claiming under them are cancelled, and sellers and/or buyers are to stand released from all liability as to brokerage :

(4) The original consignees are required to furnish the Food Controller on or before the 7th May, 1917, with full particulars of tonnage engaged or allocated for Burmah peas or beans, and such other particulars as may from time to time be required :

(5) The expression "original consignees" shall mean the shipper or the person to whom the peas or beans have been or may be originally consigned.

DEVONPORT,
1st May 1917. Food Controller.

THE BEANS, PEAS, AND PULSE (REQUISITION) ORDER, 1917, DATED MAY 16TH, 1917, MADE BY THE FOOD CONTROLLER UNDER REGULATION 2F OF THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 2F of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Food Controller hereby orders as follows :—

(1) All persons owning or having power to sell or dispose of any beans, peas, or pulse suitable for human food which have arrived in the United Kingdom or which shall hereafter arrive (except beans, peas, and pulse arrived which have been sold by the original consignees and paid for by the purchasers) shall place and hold such beans, peas, and pulse at the disposal of the Food Controller :

(2) The beans, peas, and pulse are taken over by the Food Controller from the original consignees, and the Food Controller will subsequently communicate to them the prices which he will be prepared to pay for the same :

(3) Except as otherwise determined by the Food Controller in any particular case, all contracts made by the original consignees or any persons claiming under them for the sale of any beans, peas, and pulse taken over under this Order are cancelled, and sellers and/or buyers are to stand released from all liability as to brokerage :

(4) The arbitrator to determine in default of agreement the compensation to be paid for stocks requisitioned under this Order shall be appointed by the Lord Chief Justice of England :

(5) The original consignees shall on or before the 21st May 1917, furnish to the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies, Trafalgar House, Waterloo Place, S.W.1, full particulars of all beans, peas, and pulse taken over under this Order :

(6) This Order shall apply to all peas, beans, and pulse imported or to be imported into the United Kingdom, except as mentioned above, and except Burmah peas and beans taken over by the Food Controller under an Order in that behalf dated 1st May 1917 :

(7) This Order may be cited as the Beans, Peas, and Pulse (Requisition) Order, 1917.

DEVONPORT,
16th May 1917. Food Controller.

CHAPTER 13.

An Act to regulate the use of Stallions for Stud purposes. [27th June 1918.]

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:

Restriction on travelling and exhibiting unlicensed stallions.

1. Any person who after the appointed day, being the owner or having the control of a stallion of a prescribed age, travels it for service, or exhibits it on any premises not in his occupation with a view to its use for service, or permits it to be so travelled or exhibited, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds unless the stallion is at the time licensed under this Act.

Licensing of stallions.

2.—(1) The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries (in this Act referred to as the Board) shall have power to grant, revoke and suspend licences for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Board shall, on application being made in the prescribed manner, and on compliance with the prescribed conditions as to inspection and examination, grant to the owner of any stallion a licence in the prescribed form in respect of the stallion and also, if so requested, a certified copy thereof on payment of such fee (not exceeding one guinea) as may be prescribed:

Provided that the Board may refuse to grant a licence and may revoke or suspend a licence in respect of a stallion if it appears to the Board that the stallion—

(*a*) is affected with any contagious or infectious disease;
(*b*) is affected with any other disease or defect prescribed as a disease or defect rendering the stallion unsuitable for service of mares; or
(*c*) has proved to be inadequately prolific; or
(*d*) is calculated, if used for stud purposes, to injure the breed of horses by reason of its defective conformation or physique.

Duration, transfer and production of licence.

3.—(1) A licence, unless suspended or revoked by the Board, shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of October following the date of the grant of the licence, but shall be renewable annually, and the same provisions shall apply to the renewal of a licence as apply to the grant of a licence: