NATIONAL SERVICE

1953 No. 1771

The National Service Act, 1948 (Duration) Order, 1953

Made - - - - 4th December, 1953

At the Court of Saint James, the 4th day of December, 1953

Present,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

Lord Chancellor — **Mr. Thomas**

Mr. Sandys — **Sir David Eccles**

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And Whereas by virtue of section sixty-one of the National Service Act, 1948(a) no person who attains the age of eighteen years on or after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-four is liable under the said Act to be called upon to serve in the armed forces of the Crown:

And Whereas by the proviso to that section Her Majesty may by Order in Council substitute for the said day such later day as may seem to Her Majesty expedient:

And Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with the provisions of section four of the National Service (Amendment) Act, 1948(b), and an Address has been presented to Her Majesty by each House of Parliament praying that this Order be made:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in exercise of the powers conferred by the said section sixty-one and of all other powers enabling Her Majesty in that behalf, do

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 64. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 6.

hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, shall be substituted for the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, in section sixty-one of the National Service Act, 1948.

2. This Order may be cited as the National Service Act, 1948 (Duration) Order, 1953.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Section 61 of the National Service Act, 1948, provides that persons who attain 18 years of age on or after 1st January, 1954, shall not be liable under that Act to be called upon to serve in the armed forces of the Crown, and that accordingly the Act shall continue in operation only with respect to persons who have attained that age or who have been called up for service under the Act before that date.

Under the proviso to that section a later date may be substituted for the 1st January, 1954, by Order in Council. This Order is made under that proviso and substitutes the 1st January, 1959, for the 1st January, 1954, in that section.