one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and published in the New Zealand Gazette on the nineteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and the amendments thereof, make the further amendments set forth in the schedule hereto, and doth order that such amendments shall come into force on the date of the first publication thereof in the New Zealand Gazette.

SCHEDULE.

Paragraph (k) of Regulation No. 4 is hereby revoked, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

"(k.) Every person, firm, or company submitting a tender to

the Stores Tender Board must either-

"(1.) Forward with each tender a deposit in the form and for the amount described in the general or special con-

ditions of the contract, or—

"(2.) With the approval of the Stores Tender Board, place upon fixed deposit in the name of the Chairman of the Stores Tender Board in some bank in New Zealand approved by the said Chairman, the sum of £100 to cover all deposits required to accompany tenders submitted by the person, firm, or company tendering; which sum shall, whenever the Board directs that a deposit shall be forfeited, be drawn upon by the Chairman of the Board to the extent of the deposit specified in the general or special conditions of the contract:

"Provided that the Stores Tender Board may at any time by resolution recorded in its minutes require, in respect of the tender for any particular contract, a special deposit, apart from the said sum of £100, in the form and for the amount described in the general

or special conditions of the contract.

"Except in those cases where a fixed deposit as aforesaid has been made, any tender received without a deposit, or with a deposit n any form other than that described in the said general or special conditions of contract, is liable to be declared informal and rejected on that ground."

Paragraph (1) of Regulation No. 4 is hereby revoked, and the

following substituted in lieu thereof:-

"(l.) After the Board has considered the tenders, all deposits received under Regulation 4 (k), subparagraph (1), shall be returned to the tenderers, with the exception of the deposits, if any, received with the two lowest tenders, which shall be returned immediately after the execution of the contract documents by the successful tenderer."

Regulation No. 10 is hereby amended by adding, after the words "when a tender for stores has been accepted, the Chairman of the Tender Board, on behalf of the Government, shall enter into a contract with the tenderer for the supply," the following sentence:—

"Except in special cases, the Board may accept a general bond for the due fulfilment of all contracts in the sum of £1,000 by two responsible individuals on behalf of the persons or firms tendering for supplies, to cover all contracts by the same tenderer."

Regulation No. 26 is hereby amended by adding the following

words:-

"All entries in respect to matters affecting stores transactions must be made only in the books or forms prescribed, and the use of scraps of paper liable to be mislaid or lost is strictly forbidden."

As witness my hand this sixteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

D. ROBERTSON, Public Service Commissioner.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Public Service Act, 1912, His Excellency the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, approves of the foregoing amendments.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

Approved in Council this twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

J. F. ANDREWS, Clerk of the Executive Council,