

Senator the Honourable Richard Valentine Keane ..	..	Minister for Trade and Customs.
The Honourable Edward James Holloway, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Labour and National Service.
The Honourable Arthur Samuel Drakeford, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Air and Minister for Civil Aviation.
The Honourable William James Scully, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Commerce and Agriculture.
Senator the Honourable William Patrick Ashley ..	..	Minister for Supply and Shipping.
The Honourable John Johnstone Dedman, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Post-War Reconstruction.
The Honourable Edward John Ward, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Transport and Minister for External Territories.
Senator the Honourable James Mackintosh Fraser ..	..	Minister for Health and Minister for Social Services.
The Honourable Charles William Frost, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Repatriation.
The Honourable Hubert Peter Lazzarini, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Works and Housing and Minister for Home Security.
Senator the Honourable Donald Cameron ..	..	Postmaster-General.
The Honourable Arthur Augustus Calwell, M.P. ..	..	Minister for Immigration and Minister for Information.
The Honourable Herbert Victor Johnson, M.P. ..	..	Minister for the Interior.

By His Royal Highness's Command,

L. S. BRACEGIRDLE,

Rear-Admiral,

Official Secretary to His Royal Highness the Governor-General.

Federal Executive Council,

Canberra, 13th July, 1945.

**H**IS Royal Highness the Governor-General directs it to be notified, for general information, that he has been pleased to appoint Senator the Honourable Joseph Silver Collings, to be Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council.

By His Royal Highness's Command,

J. L. MULROONEY,

Secretary to the Federal Executive Council.

#### DELEGATION TO PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

**I**N pursuance of the provisions of section 126 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, and of clause 6 of the Letters Patent constituting the office of Governor-General, dated 29th October, 1900, I hereby appoint Senator the Honourable Joseph Silver Collings, Vice-President of the Executive Council, to be my deputy to summon meetings of the Executive Council, and in the event of my inability to be present, to preside over meetings of the Executive Council and signify approval of the proceedings at such meetings.

If, for any reason, the Vice-President of the Executive Council is unable to attend, the Senior Member of the Executive Council who is present is hereby authorized to exercise the authority herein vested in the Vice-President.

This appointment supersedes the appointment dated 6th July, 1945, of the Honourable John Albert Beasley, M.P., which appointment is hereby terminated.

Dated this thirteenth day of July, 1945.

HENRY,

Governor-General.

#### ABOLITION OF DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENTS.

**I**N accordance with Section 64 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Royal Highness the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to abolish the following Departments of State of the Commonwealth, viz. :—

The Department of Works ;

The Department of War Organization of Industry ;

and to establish the following Departments of State of the Commonwealth, viz. :—

The Department of Works and Housing ;

The Department of Immigration.

Canberra, 13th July, 1945.

J. B. CHIFLEY,

Prime Minister.