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* Appointment as Labour Member of the Viceroy's Council

[*Dr. B. R. Ambedkar joined as Member of the Viceroy's Council on the 20th July 1942. He was asked to look after the portfolio of Labour. The appointment letter issued by His Majesty's office in this regard reads as under* :—Ed.]

GEORGE R. I.

George the Sixth by the grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To our Trusty and Well Beloved *Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar,* Esquire, Doctor of Science, Barrister-at-Law.

GREETING !

We do by this, Our Warrant Our Sign Manual, appoint you, the said Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar to be, during Our pleasure, a Member of the Executive Council of Our Governor-General of India.

(II) And we do hereby appoint that so soon as you shall have entered upon the duties of your office, this our warrant shall have effect.

Given at our Court at St. James', this ninth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-two and in the sixth year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command

Sd/- L. S. Amery.

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* Khairmode C. B., Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (Marathi Biography), Vol. 9, 1987, p. 113 (Published by Maharashtra Rajya Sahitya Sanskruti Mandal, Bombay).
Dr. Ambedkar was already nominated as member of the National Defence Council vide Government Communique, dated 21st July 1941.—Ed.