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subject of this letter
should be addressed to -
The Secretary.

MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY,
HORSEFERRY HOUSE,
THORNEY STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following reference
quoted:-

24th July, 1940.

H.S.C.189/40
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F.B.109/40.

Sir,

Home Security Circular No.189/1940.
F.B. Circular No.109/1940.

Requisitioning or Taking Possession of
Garages.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to refer to A.R.P. Department Circular No.198/1939 and F.B. Circular No.44/1939 and subsequent circulars on the subject of obtaining possession of premises for emergency Civil Defence, including fire brigade purposes. In consultation with the First Commissioner of Works the Minister has had under consideration the procedure, by which, to prevent interference with the operations of essential transport services, the Ministry of Transport is consulted before garages are registered for use for emergency Civil Defence purposes in the Central Register of Accommodation maintained by the Office of Works.

In future, when a Local Authority wishes to obtain possession of garages for emergency Civil Defence purposes, it should notify immediately the Regional Transport Commissioner and should take no action to enter into occupation of the premises before the Regional Transport Commissioner has given his consent.

The Clerk of the County Council,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk of the District Council.

This procedure need not be followed when it is wished to take small lock-up garages, garages that are not used at all for the servicing or maintenance of public service vehicles or goods vehicles or garages with less than 1250 square feet of floor space.

All requests made to the Office of Works for registering in the Central Register a garage for use for emergency fire brigade or other Civil Defence purposes should include in future a note to the effect that the consent of the Regional Transport Commissioner has been obtained.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. E. Morrison

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