

*Foreign Office,*  
May 27, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Joseph Pyke, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the Cantons of Aargau, Bâle-Ville, Bâle-Campagne and Soleure, to reside at Bâle.

*Foreign Office,*  
May 28, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

David John Rodgers, Esquire, C.B.E., to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and that part of Florida to the west of the Apalachicola River, to reside at New Orleans.

*Foreign Office,*  
May 29, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Alan Meredith Williams, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul for the Kingdom of Iceland, to reside at Reykjavik.

*Foreign Office,*  
June 1, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Alfred John Gardener, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul for the Mohafazats of Hama, Homs, Hauran, the municipality of Damascus, and the Governorate of the Djebel Druze, to reside at Damascus.

*Foreign Office,*  
June 17, 1940.

The KING has been pleased to approve of:—

Señor Don Jorge Gosálvez, as Consul-General of Bolivia at Liverpool;

Monsieur Virgil Zaborovschi, as Consul-General of Roumania at Jerusalem;

Mr. Ryozo Tsurumi, as Vice-Consul of Japan at Karachi;

Mr. Aubrey E. Lippincott, as Vice-Consul of the United States of America at Jerusalem, with jurisdiction in Palestine and Transjordan; and

Mr. Clare H. Timberlake, as Vice-Consul of the United States of America at Aden.

*Foreign Office,*  
June 18, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Ernest William Jeffery, Esquire, to be one of His Majesty's Consuls in China (with effect from 27th February, 1940).

*Whitehall, June 28, 1940.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 26th instant, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom upon Sir Charles Coupar Barrie, K.B.E., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of BARON ABERTAY, of Tullybelton, in the County of Perth.

*Whitehall, June 28, 1940.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 27th instant, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom upon Charles Iain Kerr, Esq., D.S.O., M.C., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of BARON TEVIOT, of Burghclere, in the County of Southampton.

*Whitehall, June 28, 1940.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 28th instant, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom upon Harry Louis Nathan, Esq., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of BARON NATHAN, of Churt, in the County of Surrey.

*Whitehall, June 14, 1940.*

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal in Silver to Gwyn Morgan, and the Edward Medal to Matthew Thompson and Charles Smith in recognition of their gallantry in the following circumstances:—

At 10 a.m. on the 3rd January, 1940, a fall of roof occurred at a coal face in Warren House Seam at Askern Main Colliery, Yorkshire, and a miner named Charles Liversidge was buried by the fall. He was extricated some three hours later, without having suffered serious injury, through the gallantry displayed, in conditions of the greatest risk, by a rescue party.

Morgan, the Agent of the Colliery, arrived a few minutes after the accident and took charge of the operations. With great difficulty a way was cleared under the fall, and it was found that Liversidge was completely buried, except for his head and shoulders, and that his arms were pinned by fallen rocks and by a steel bar. Morgan succeeded in removing a stone which was pinning one of his arms. Later, when one of the other men had failed, he succeeded in getting through to Liversidge and after thirty minutes' work in the most cramped position was able to free him and to pass him through to the other rescuers. Throughout he displayed outstanding courage, resource, and leadership.

Smith and Thompson were both close at hand when the fall occurred and at once commenced rescue operations. They took a prominent part in the dangerous work of clearing a way under the fall, and both were able to remove some of the debris which had pinned Liversidge down. Thompson attempted to get through to effect the final release of Liversidge, but was driven back by a further fall.

The whole work of rescue was carried on in the most difficult and dangerous conditions, and slight falls occurred frequently. A further heavy fall occurred later in the day which completely closed the passage through which the rescue had been made.