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TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1956

York House, St. James's Palace.

24th January, 1956.

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER has been pleased to appoint Captain John Acland, Scots Guards, to be an Equerry to His Royal Highness, in the room of Major Nigel Bosville Macdonald, resigned.

The appointment to date from the 21st January, 1956.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made two Orders under sections 1 and 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, section 9 of the Finance Act, 1933, section 10 of the Finance Act, 1934, section 4 of the Finance Act, 1937, section 6 of the Finance Act, 1954, and section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz.:-

The Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1956, and The Silk Duties (No. 1) Order, 1956.

These Orders extend the exemption of certain works of art from duty chargeable under the Import Duties Act, 1932, and from silk and artificial silk duties, to other works of art, namely lithographs and other prints, and to the blocks, plates, stencils, etc. from which they are produced.

The Orders come into operation on the 28th January, 1956 and have been published as Statutory Instruments 1956, Nos. 58 and 59.

Copies may be purchased (price 2d. each net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses: York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 429, Oxford Street, London, W.1; P.O. Box 569, London, S.E.1; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 109, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; 39, King Street, Manchester, 2; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast, or from any bookseller.

Whitehall, January 24, 1956.

THE QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 21st instant, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom upon Colonel The Honourable John Jacob Astor, and the heirs male or his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of BARON ASTOR OF HEVER, of Hever Castle in the County of Kent.

Whitehall, January 24, 1956.

THE QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 23rd instant, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom upon Sir Frederick Godber, Knight, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of BARON GODBER, of Mayfield in the County of Sussex.

Colonial Office,

The Church House,

Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.

18th January, 1956.

THE QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm to amend the Letters Patent bearing date the 28th February, 1950, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar.

Colonial Office,

The Church House,

Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.

18th January, 1956.

THE QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm to amend the Letters Patent bearing date the 14th May, 1954, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti.

Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.1.

24th January, 1956.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the Polar Medal to the Commonwealth members of the Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition, 1949-52:-

For good services:-

Clasp to the Polar Medal.

Alan William REECE, Geologist, 1950-1952.

Polar Medal (Posthumous).

John Ellis JELBART, Physicist, 1951.

Corporal Leslie Arthur QUAR, 553960, Royal Air Force, Radio Technician, 1950-1951.

Polar Medal.

Gordon de Quetteville ROBIN, Senior Physicist, 1950-1952.

Ernest Frederick ROOTS, Senior Geologist, 1950-1952.

Charles SWITHINBANK, Glaciologist, 1950-1952.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the following awards of the Polar Medal:-

For good services as members of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition to Mawson, 1954-55:-

Clasp to the Polar Medal.

Robert George DOVERS, Leader and Surveyor, 1954-1955.

Polar Medal.

William Robert John DINGLE, Meteorologist, 1954-1955.

Jeffrey Desmond GLEADELL, Cook, 1954-1955.

William HARVEY, Carpenter, 1954-1955.