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State Intelligence

Buckingham Palace.
10th March 1977.

This Day had Audience of The PRINCESS MARGARET, COUNTESS OF SNOWDON and The DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The QUEEN: His Excellency General Sylvestre Bangui to present his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Central African Empire.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Crown Office,
House of Lords, SW1A 0PW.
23rd March 1977.

THE QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 23rd day of March 1977, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom for life upon the Right Honourable George Morgan Thomson by the name style and title of BARON THOMSON OF MONIFIETH, of Monifieth in the District of the City of Dundee.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court of Saint James, the 9th day of March 1977

PRESENT,

The Counsellors of State in Council

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 3rd day of February 1977, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas by section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865 (1865 c. 73) it is enacted that all pay, wages, pensions, bounty money, grants or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Her Majesty's naval or marine force to a person being or having been an officer, seaman or marine, or to the widow or any relative of a deceased officer, seaman or marine, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions, as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the Order in Council dated 25th September 1964, as amended (Orders of 22nd December 1964, 24th February 1966, 9th June 1966, 28th July 1966, 23rd August 1967, 14th February 1968, 26th July 1968, 31st July 1969, 4th February 1970, 28th July 1971, 26th July 1972, 27th July 1973, 28th June 1974, 18th March 1975, 17th September 1975 and 23rd July 1976), concerning pensions and other grants in respect of disablement or death due to service in the naval forces during the 1914 World War and after 2nd September 1939 (hereinafter referred to as "the 1964 Order"):

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by the said section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act 1865, and of all other powers in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered that, notwithstanding anything in the 1964 Order, the following provisions of this Order shall take effect accordingly and, except in the cases stated in the Order in Council of 19th December 1881, and except as otherwise provided by statute, shall be established and obeyed as the sole authority in the matters herein treated of.

Amendment of Schedules to the 1964 Order, and transitional provisions

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article, in Schedule 6 (rates of allowances payable in respect of disablement) and Schedule 7 (rates of pensions, other than widows' pensions, and allowances payable in respect of death) to the 1964 Order there shall be made the amendments respectively set out in Parts I and II of the Appendix hereto.

(2) Where in respect of any period a person who, immediately before the date on which this Order comes into operation, was entitled to a pension or allowance in respect of a child specified in paragraph 5(b)(iii)(a), paragraph 9(e)(i) or, as the case