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State



At the Court at
Windsor Castle the 13th day of April 1999

Present,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act passed in the twelfth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third intituled "An Act for the better regulating the future Marriages of the Royal Family" to declare Her Consent to a Contract of Matrimony between Her Most Dearly Beloved Son His Royal Highness Prince Edward Antony Richard Louis, C V O , and Sophie Helen Rhys-Jones, which Consent Her Majesty has caused to be signified under the Great Seal

Her Majesty was thereupon pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Instrument (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed), signifying Her Majesty's Consent as aforesaid, be entered in the Books of the Privy Council in pursuance of the further provisions of the aforementioned Act passed in the twelfth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third

A K Galloway

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas by an Act of Parliament intituled "An Act for the better regulating the future Marriages of the Royal Family", it is amongst other things enacted "that no descendant of the body of His late Majesty King George the Second, Male or Female, (other than the issue of Princesses who have married, or may hereafter marry, into Foreign Families,) shall be capable of contracting Matrimony without the previous consent of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, signified under the Great Seal, and declared in Council"

Now know ye that We have consented and do by these Presents signify Our Consent to the contracting of Matrimony between Our Most Dearly Beloved Son Prince Edward Antony Richard Louis, C V O , and Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sophie Helen Rhys-Jones

In Witness whereof We have caused Our Great Seal to be affixed to these Presents

Given at Our Court at Windsor the Thirteenth day of April 1999 in the Forty-eighth year of Our Reign

BY THE QUEEN HERSELF SIGNED WITH HER OWN HAND