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*Crown Office,
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The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 12th day of February 1968, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom for life upon Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, G.C.M.G., C.I.E., O.B.E., by the name, style and title of BARON TREVELYAN, of SAINT VEEP in the County of Cornwall.

JOHN HUNT.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1
9th February 1968.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England on Friday the 16th February 1968, at 1 p.m. for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £140,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday the 19th February to Saturday the 24th February 1968, inclusive, and will be due 91 days after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. Notification will be sent by post on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part and payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or by draft or cheque drawn on the Bank of England not later than

1.30 p.m. (Saturday 11 a.m.) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

PRICES AND INCOMES ACT 1966

Reference to the National Board for Prices and Incomes

MERCURY HEARING-AID BATTERIES

THE Ministry of Technology were notified in December 1967, by Mallory Batteries Limited under the early warning arrangements of proposed increases in the prices of a wide range of special batteries. Among these were hearing-aid batteries, the prices of which had remained unchanged for several years while the manufacturing costs had risen substantially in the same period.

The increase in the prices of hearing-aid batteries has given rise to a large volume of public complaint. In the circumstances the Secretary of State for Economic Affairs and the Minister of Technology consider that it would be desirable for the case for the increase in price to be examined independently by the National Board for Prices and Incomes.

Accordingly, in pursuance of their powers under Section 2(1) of the Prices and Incomes Act, 1966, the Secretary of State for Economic Affairs and the Minister of Technology hereby refer to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination the question of the recent increase in prices of mercury hearing-aid batteries manufactured by Mallory Batteries Limited.

8th February 1968.

PRICES AND INCOMES ACT 1966

Reference to the National Board for Prices and Incomes

SECONDARY BATTERIES

THE Minister of Technology has recently been notified by a number of manufacturers under the early warning arrangements of proposed increases in the prices of certain types of secondary batteries to take account of increases in costs,