

*Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

Appropriation Act, 1917.

Naval and Military War Pensions, &c (Committees) Act, 1917.

Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Act, 1917.

Chequers Estate Act, 1917.

South Staffordshire Mond Gas (Power and Heating) Company's (No. 2) Act, 1917.

Parker's Divorce Act, 1917.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, S.W.,  
17th December, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Commander William Dudley Ward, M.P., R.N.V.R., to be Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household in the room of Arthur Cecil Tyrrell Beck, Esq., M.P., resigned.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, S.W.,  
18th December, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Hugh Mallinson Rigby, Esq., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Household, to be one of the Honorary Surgeons to His Majesty.

*Whitehall, December 17, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal to Doreen Ashburnham, aged 11 years, and Anthony Farrer, aged 8 years, residing at Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island, in recognition of the great bravery displayed by the children in the following circumstances:—

On the 23rd September, 1916, the two children left their homes at Cowichan Lake for the purpose of catching their ponies and, when about half a mile from home, they were attacked by a cougar. They were almost upon the animal before they saw it crouching in a path at a corner. The little girl was first attacked; the cougar sprang upon her, and she was knocked down with her face to the ground, the animal being on her back. The boy at once attacked the cougar with his fists and riding bridle, and drove the animal off the girl; it then attacked him, and his companion, getting to her feet, came to his rescue, fighting with her clenched hands and bridle, and even putting her arm into the cougar's mouth, to try to prevent it from biting Anthony. She succeeded in getting it off the boy, and it stood on its hind-quarters and fought with her, but evidently it was disturbed by some sound, for presently it slunk away and ran under a log, where it was afterwards killed. The children, though both badly injured, were able to make their way home.

The cougar measured over 7 feet from nose to tip of tail.

*Whitehall, December 18, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Thomas-Bilbe Robinson, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., Agent-General for Queensland, Director of Meat Supplies for the Allied Forces, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Whitehall, December 20, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Reginald Le Sueur, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity, in the Island of Jersey, to the Rectory of St. Martin, Jersey, void by the appointment of the Reverend George Philip-Balleine, M.A., to the Rectory of St. Saviour, Jersey.

*Whitehall, December 20, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Sorel John Gruchy, M.A., Rector of Saint Mary, in the Island of Jersey, to the Rectory of Holy Trinity, Jersey, void by the appointment of the Reverend Reginald Le Sueur, M.A., to the Rectory of St. Martin, Jersey.

*Whitehall, December 20, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Elias William Gilley to the Rectory of St. Mary, in the Island of Jersey, void by the appointment of the Reverend Sorel John Gruchy, M.A., to the Rectory of Holy Trinity, Jersey.

*Whitehall, December 20, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to order a *Congé d'Elire* to pass the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Hereford to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the resignation of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor John Percival, late Bishop thereof; and His Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Very Reverend Herbert Hensley Henson, D.D., Dean of Durham, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Hereford.

*Whitehall, December 20, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 20th instant, to confer the dignities of Viscount and Earl of the said United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Rufus Daniel, Viscount Reading, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., Lord Chief Justice of England, and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, by the names, styles and titles of Viscount Erleigh, of Erleigh, in the county of Berks, and Earl of Reading.