

Westminster, 20th May, 1920.

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great 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

House-Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1920.  
 Public Utility Companies (Capital Issues) Act, 1920.  
 National Health Insurance Act, 1920.  
 Ejection (Suspensory Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1920.  
 Savings Bank Act, 1920.  
 Profiteering (Amendment) Act, 1920.  
 Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920.  
 Ministry of Health Provisional Order (1919) Confirmation (Housing) Act, 1920.  
 Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1920.  
 Price's Patent Candle Company Limited Act, 1920.  
 Artillery and District Water Board Act, 1920.  
 South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company Act, 1920.  
 Rugby Gas Act, 1920.  
 River Lee Watershed (Flood Prevention) Act, 1920.  
 Ebbw Vale Urban District Council Act, 1920.  
 Farmers Land Purchase Company's Act, 1920.  
 Lands Improvement Company's Amendment Act, 1920.  
 Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre Rural District Council Act, 1920.  
 Penllwyn Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1920.  
 Tyne Improvement Act, 1920.  
 Great Eastern Railway Act, 1920.  
 Lancaster Corporation Water Act, 1920.

Crown Office,  
 20th May, 1920.

Days and places appointed for holding the Summer Assizes, 1920:—

**NORTH-EASTERN CIRCUIT.**

Mr. Justice Shearman.

Mr. Justice Greer.

Monday, 28th June, at Newcastle.

Saturday, 3rd July, at Durham.

Saturday, 10th July, at York.

Thursday, 15th July, at Leeds.

Foreign Office,  
 May 12, 1920.

It is hereby notified that His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs this day received from Monsieur Antoine Pescatore his Letters of Credence as Chargé d'Affaires of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg.

Whitehall, May 18, 1920.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in recognition of the gallant conduct of William Mathers and Joseph Bowman, two Dockyard workmen, in endeavouring at the cost of their own lives to save the life of Able Seaman Arthur Henry Brewer at Rosyth on the 27th August last.

Brewer had descended into the Wet Provision Room of H.M.S. "Tiger," in company with J. H. Anderson, a shipwright, when he was overcome by poisonous gases and collapsed. Anderson, himself feeling the effect of the gases, left the compartment as quickly as possible to obtain assistance, and Mathers and Bowman, who were near to the scene, descended without hesitation to endeavour to rescue Brewer. They did not wait for further assistance or for safety appliances, though they were fully aware of the cause of Brewer's collapse and consequently of the grave risk they were running. They were at once overcome by the noxious gases in the compartment, and when removed were in an unconscious condition.

Every endeavour was made to restore them to consciousness, but without success.

Whitehall, May 19, 1920.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Sir Banister Flight Fletcher, late Senior Sheriff of the City of London, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Rising Sun, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

Whitehall, May 19, 1920.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names) which have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

*Order of the Crown of Siam.*

*Second Class.*

Marston Frank Buszard, Esq.

William Francis Lloyd, Esq., Conservator of Forests under the Siamese Government,

*Third Class.*

Sidney Herbert Cole, Esq.

Robert Charles Ryder Wilson, Esq., and

Norman Eric Lowe, Esq., of the Royal Siamese Irrigation Department.

*Fourth Class.*

Norman Sutton, Esq., Headmaster of Suan Kularb School, Bangkok.

*Order of the White Elephant.*

*Third Class.*

Mr. Justice (Percival Wilfrid) Thornely, M.A., LL.D., Judge of the Court of Appeal, Bangkok, and Legal Adviser to the Siamese Ministry of Justice.

*Fourth Class.*

William Warner Shand, Esq., Inspector of Mines under the Siamese Government.