

invite your Majesty graciously to declare the Building open.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following Gracious Answer:—

I thank Your Royal Highness very sincerely for the Address which you, as the Head of English Freemasons, have presented, and I am deeply moved by these further proofs of Masonic loyalty and affection towards my Throne and Person. It gives both the Queen and myself great pleasure to come here to-day and thus show our continued interest in the Craft of which many of my Family are members.

To give rather than to receive has always been one of the first tenets of this Order. It was not surprising therefore that the idea of a Freemasons' Hospital, to be maintained by its members, met with such an enthusiastic response when initiated more than twenty years ago. The completion of the scheme was delayed by the War, during which, however, the Hospitals established by Freemasons did excellent work, and I well remember a visit paid by the Queen and myself to the Institution in Fulham Road, the immediate predecessor of this great building.

Throughout his life by dear Father gave the warmest support to all measures directed towards the relief of suffering and distress, and I appreciate your reference to his work in connection with King Edward's Hospital Fund, in which I also take the keenest interest.

Your object in establishing this Hospital has been to provide accommodation, equipped with every medical, surgical and nursing device of modern science, for both men and women who, when victims of sickness, wish to pay according to their means. This fine building, so admirably situated and planned to give patients the benefits of sunshine and fresh air, is a worthy realisation of your hopes and cannot fail to bring comfort and help to Freemasons and their families.

With great pleasure do I accede to your request that this Hospital shall in future be called The Royal Masonic Hospital. I now declare it open and pray that, with God's Blessing, within its walls may be found relief from suffering and restoration to health.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
Buckingham Palace,
13th July, 1933.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the nomination of Brigadier General the Earl of Lucan, the Captain, to appoint Major General Llewelyn Alberic Emilius Price-Davies, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., late King's Royal Rifle Corps, to be one of His Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms in the room of Major Edward Milner, resigned.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
18th July, 1933.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire:—

To be Companions of the said Most Eminent Order:—

Arthur Sheldon Hands, Esq., M.C., Indian Civil Service.

Captain Thomas Ivor Stevenson, M.B.E., M.C., 2nd Battalion, 8th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.

NORTHERN IRELAND LAND ACT, 1925.

Pursuant to rule 4 of the Northern Ireland Land (Finance) Rules, 1926, relating to the drawing of Guaranteed $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Bonds issued under the Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that the sum of £26,850 has been certified by the National Debt Commissioners to be available for the next drawing of these bonds, in accordance with the Certificate contained in the Schedule hereto, and that the next drawing of these bonds will take place on the 25th August, 1933.

A list of the bonds drawn will be published in the London Gazette as soon afterwards as possible and in any case not later than the 1st September, 1933.

Treasury Chambers,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

13th July, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

NORTHERN IRELAND LAND ACT, 1925 (15 & 16
GEO. V. c. 34).

Certificate of the amount available for the drawing of Guaranteed $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Bonds for repayment at par on 1st November, 1933, given by the National Debt Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 (3) and the First Schedule to the Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925, and Number 4 of the Northern Ireland Land (Finance) Rules, 1926.

On the part of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, I hereby certify that the amount available for the drawing of Guaranteed $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Bonds for repayment on 1st November, 1933, determined in accordance with the above Act and Rule, will be Twenty-six thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds (£26,850).

*M. F. Headlam,
Comptroller-General.*

National Debt Office,
19, Old Jewry, E.C.2.

11th July, 1933.