

*Foreign Office, 16th December, 1948.*

The KING has been pleased to grant to Captain Edwin John Ronald Corin, unrestricted permission to wear the decoration of Chevalier, First Class, of the Order of St. Olav, conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Norway in recognition of services rendered during the war.

*Whitehall, December 24, 1948.*

The KING has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Robert Edmund Martin, C.M.G., T.D., J.P., D.L., to be Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Leicester, to act for His Majesty's Lieutenant during his absence from the County, sickness or other inability to act.

*Whitehall, December 24, 1948.*

The KING has been pleased by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 17th instant, to appoint the Reverend Leslie Hodgson Cumberland, B.A., to the Living of Kimblesworth, in the County and Diocese of Durham, vacant by the cession of the Reverend Sidney Herbert Bates.

*Whitehall, December 24, 1948.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 17th instant, to appoint the Reverend William Bentley, M.A., to the Living of St. Peter, Bishop Auckland, in the County and Diocese of Durham, vacant by the resignation of the Reverend Harry Young Necker, M.A.

*Whitehall, December 24, 1948.*

The question of the style and precedence of High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries was discussed during the recent meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. As a result of conclusions reached His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom recommended to The King that on all ceremonial occasions the High Commissioners in the United Kingdom for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Eire, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, together with Ambassadors of Foreign States should rank immediately after the Lord Privy Seal in a common order of seniority based on their respective dates of arrival in the United Kingdom for the purpose of assuming their official duties and that the High Commissioners be accorded the style of "Excellency".

His Majesty has now been pleased to direct that the High Commissioners for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Eire, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, in the United Kingdom, as well as Ambassadors of Foreign States, shall be given precedence, on the occasions in question, according to the above principle. His Majesty has also been pleased to direct that the High Commissioners be granted the style of Excellency in the United Kingdom.

The position of the High Commissioner of a Commonwealth country in relation to a Minister of the Crown visiting the United Kingdom from that country will remain unaltered; and a Minister of the Crown from a Commonwealth country visiting the United Kingdom will normally be given precedence before the High Commissioner of that country.

*The present notice replaces that which was issued in the London Gazette of January 27th 1931.*

*Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1.*

*25th November, 1948.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Douglas Bailey, Esq., to be an Appointed Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Seychelles.

*Scottish Home Department,  
St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, 1.*

*20th December, 1948.*

The KING has been pleased by Royal Warrant bearing date the 15th December, 1948, to direct

Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, granting the rank and dignity of Counsel to His Majesty to Miss Margaret Henderson Kidd, Advocate, Member of the Scottish Bar.

*Scottish Home Department, St. Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh, 1.*

*22nd December, 1948.*

The KING has been pleased by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 17th December, 1948, to appoint with effect from the 1st January, 1949:—

Mr. James Walker, K.C., to be Sheriff of Inverness, Moray, Nairn and Ross and Cromarty in the room of Mr. John Cameron, D.S.C., K.C., resigned.

*Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1.*

*21st December, 1948.*

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that they have made Orders which have been published as S.I.'s 1948, price 1d. except where indicated:—

No. 2679. The Utility Mark and Apparel and Textiles (Export) Order, 1948, dated 10th December, 1948. (Price 2d.).

No. 2680. The Consumer Rationing (Special Coupon Rates) Licence, 1948, dated 10th December, 1948.

No. 2681. The Return of Clothing Coupons (Footwear) Order, 1948, dated 10th December, 1948.

No. 2682. The Woven Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Manufacture, Marking and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1948, dated 10th December, 1948.

No. 2684. The Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 19) Order, 1948, dated 10th December, 1948.

No. 2685. The Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1948, dated 10th December, 1948. (Price 4d.).

No. 2690. The Control of the Cotton Industry (Revocation) Order, 1948, dated 13th December, 1948.

No. 2697. The Raw Materials (Various Controls) (Revocation) (No. 2) Order, 1948, dated 14th December, 1948.

These Orders can be purchased through any bookseller, agents, or direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39 King Street, Manchester 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast.

#### COAL INDUSTRY NATIONALISATION ACT, 1946.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made Regulations entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Satisfaction of Compensation) (No. 2) Regulations, 1948, S.I. 1948, No. 2772.

Copies may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast, or through any bookseller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power,  
7, Millbank, London, S.W.1.  
22nd December, 1948.

#### GAS ACT, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the Minister of Fuel and Power having by the Gas (Areas of Area Boards) Order, 1948, dated 21st December, 1948, defined by reference to maps certified under his hand on 21st December, 1948, the Areas of the twelve Area Gas Boards established by the Gas Act, 1948, copies of the said certified maps may be inspected each working day (Monday-Friday, 10-12, and 2.30-4.30) at:—

Ministry of Fuel and Power, Cromwell House,  
7, Millbank, London, S.W.1.  
Regional Fuel Office, Government Buildings,  
Forest Road, Hawkenbury, Tunbridge Wells.