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*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
3rd January, 1950.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Charles Thomas Wilson to be a Page of Honour to His Majesty in the room of George Frederick Laurence, Lord Hyde, resigned. The appointment to date from the 1st January, 1950.

*Clarence House, St. James.
1st January, 1950.*

The PRINCESS ELIZABETH, DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH, has been pleased to appoint Major the Hon. Martin Chartens, O.B.E., to be Private Secretary to Her Royal Highness.

*Treasury Chambers, Great George Street,
London, S.W.1.
29th December, 1949.*

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to appoint certain persons as Approved Auditors for Great Britain for the year ending the 31st December, 1950, under the provisions of the Friendly Societies Acts, 1896 to 1948 (59 and 60 Vict. Cap. 25) and (11 and 12 Geo. 6 Cap. 39) and the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893 (56 and 57 Vict. Cap. 39).

A list of the persons appointed can be seen at the Office of the Registrar of Friendly Societies, 17, North Audley Street, London, W.1, and at the Office of the Assistant Registrar of Friendly Societies for Scotland at 19, Heriot Row, Edinburgh.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby announce that They have made an Order under section 21 of the Finance Act, 1948, revising the rates of purchase tax on calendars, post-cards, greeting cards, etc., which are at present 33½ per cent. on some and 66½ per cent. or 100 per cent. on others. As from the 1st February, 1950, these articles will be charged at either 33½ per cent. or at 100 per cent. Broadly, the 33½ per cent. rate will apply to the undecorated types and the 100 per cent. rate to all others.

The Order has been published as Statutory Instruments 1949, No. 2443 and copies may be purchased price 1d. net 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 or through any bookseller.

Foreign Office, 3rd January, 1950.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (EXTENSION) ACTS, 1944 AND 1946.

In pursuance of Subsection 3 of Section 1 of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1944 (7 & 8 Geo. 6 Ch. 44) as amended by the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1946 (9 & 10 Geo. 6 Ch. 66) His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has compiled the following list of persons upon whom immunities and privileges have been conferred by the Diplomatic Privileges (Food and Agriculture Organisation) Order-in-Council, 1949, the said list taking effect from the 13th May, 1949.

High Officials of the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

(Article 9 of the Order-in-Council.)

Mr. Norris E. Dodd (Director-General).
Sir Herbert Broadley, K.B.E. (Deputy Director-General).

Whitehall, January 3, 1950.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 3rd instant, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Leslie Stuart Brass, Esq., C.B.E., Legal Adviser, Home Office.

[His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on the 2nd January, 1950.]

Whitehall, January 3, 1950.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Colin Pearson Wadsworth, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Officer of the Order of Leopold II, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Belgium, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of honorary Consular Agent of Belgium at Goole.

Whitehall, January 3, 1950.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear Decorations of the Order of the Nile conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Egypt, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

Decoration of the First Class.

Sir Hugh Oliver Holmes, K.B.E., C.M.G., M.C., K.C.

Decoration of the Second Class.

William Murray Graham, Esq., C.B.E.
John Seymour Blake-Reed, Esq., O.B.E.
Edwin Stephan Lamass, Esq.

Decoration of the Third Class.

Henry Hume Barne, Esq.
Julian Mignon de Freitas, Esq.
Oliver Plunkett, Esq.