Buckingham Palace, 5th May, 1950.

This day had Audience of The KING: His Excellency Senhor Doctor Ruy Ennes Ulrich, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor the Duke of Palmella, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Portuguese Republic.

Buckingham Palace, 9th May, 1950. This day had Audience of The KING:

His Excellency Señor Doctor Don Carlos Sosa Rodriguez, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Señor Don Manuel Arocha, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United States of Venezuela.

Foreign Office, 8th May, 1950:

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission for the wearing by the undermentioned persons of the decorations respectively indicated, conferred upon them by Her Majesty The Queen of the Netherlands in recognition of services rendered during the war:-

> Order of Orange Nassau. Grand Officer.

Sir William John Haley, K.C.M.G.

Percy Heads, Esquire; Dennis Hodsdon Handover, Esquire.

The Church House, Westminster, S.W.1.
5th May, 1950.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Henry Wilcox Wilson, Esq. (Attorney General, Trinidad) to be a Puisne Judge,

WAGES COUNCILS ACTS, 1945 to 1948. RETAIL BOOKSELLING AND STATIONERY TRADES WAGES COUNCIL (GREAT BRITAIN).

The Retail Bookselling and Stationery Trades Wages Council (Great Britain) hereby gives notice of its intention to submit to the Minister of Labour and National Service proposals for the revocation of the Retail Bookselling and Stationery Trades Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1949 (Order R.B.C.(3)) and for the fixing of statutory minimum remuneration fixed by Order statutory minimum remuneration fixed by Order statutory minimum remuneration fixed by R.B.C.(3).

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Particulars of the proposals may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Wages Council at the address given below.

The Wages Council will consider any written representations with respect to the above-mentioned proposals which may be sent to it within fourteen days from 12th May, 1950. Any such representation should be signed by the person making the same (adding his or her address) and sent to the Secretary, Retail Bookselling and Stationery Trades Wages Council (Great Britain), Ebury Bridge House, Ebury Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. It is desirable that persons making objections should state the precise grounds of their objections. grounds of their objections.

F. D. Grover, Secretary.

11th May, 1950.

GAS ACT, 1948.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Gas (Pension Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950—S.I. 1950, No. 742, copies of which may be purchased from H.M. 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.

Ministry of Fuel and Power, 7, Millbank, London, S.W.1. 10th May, 1950.

COAL INDUSTRY.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Coal Mines (Certificates of Competency) General Regulations, 1950—S.I. 1950, No. 743, copies of which may be purchased from H.M. 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. Chichester Street, Belfast, or through any bookseller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power, 7, Milibank, London, S.W.1.

10th May, 1950.

Commonwealth Relations Office, 12th May, 1950.

The KING has approved the following retirements and relinquishments:

SPECIAL LIST (EX-INDIAN ARMY). BRITISH ARMY.

Lt.-Col. M. Bwye (IA 651) retires 23rd May 1948. (Substituted for the notifin in the Gazette dated 28th May 1948.)

Maj. C. E. W. KENNEDY (AI 961), S.U.L., retires 6th May 1950.

Maj. W. A. BASKETT (RO/1270) (late European Wing, A.I. R.O.) relinquishes his commn., 1st Dec. 1947, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Emergency Commissions.

War Subs. Lt. W. B. Biggs (EC 15962) relinquishes his commn., 10th Jan. 1948, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.

War Subs. Lt. D. S. Walford (EC 9641) relinquishes his commn., 4th Feb. 1948, on re-enlistment in the

Medical Services.

The undermentioned officers retire;—
Lt.-Col. de L. Carey (MZ/6925), 6th June 1949.
Lt.-Col. W. Happer (MZ/10385), 19th Dec. 1949, and is granted the hon. rank of Col.
Maj. J. Brebner, M.B.E. (MZ/13492), 1st May 1949:
Maj. J. H. Caverhill (MZ/15336), 7th Oct. 1949.
Maj. C. J. Hassett, M.B.E. (MZ/13179), 15th Dec. 1949.

Capt. D. H. HARRISON (MZ/19227), 20th Dec. 1948. The undermentioned officers retire and are granted

the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.:—
Maj. C. C. HARVEY (MZ/18579), 11th Dec. 1948.
Maj. C. L. Greening (MZ/14265), 16th June 1949.
Maj. C. H. BLISS (MZ/15940), 17th June 1949.
Maj. J. J. Franklen-Evans (MZ/14264), 8th Sept.

Maj. C. F. GARFIT (MZ/12125), 11th Dec. 1949. Maj. G. P. CHARLEWOOD (MZ/13972), 15th Dec. 1949.

Civil Service Commission.

12th May, 1950.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, in pursuance of Clause 13 of the General Regulations made under the Order in Council of 22nd July, 1920, that, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, they have prescribed that a fee of 7s. 6d. shall be payable on application by candidates applying for admission to a Limited Competition for appointment as Tax Officer (Higher Grade) in the Inland Revenue.

This notice supersedes the corresponding notice published in the London Gazette of the 24th September, 1948.

Civil Service Commission,

12th May, 1950.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz.:—

REGULATIONS FOR THE NORMAL RECRUITMENT FROM
ESTABLISHED CLERICAL OFFICERS FOR THE
EXECUTIVE CLASS (AND CORRESPONDING
DEPARTMENTAL CLASSES) AND INFORMATION
OFFICER CLASS OF THE HOME CIVIL SERVICE.

-Candidates must be at least 21 and under 1. Age.-28 years of age on the 1st August, 1950.
Provided that the Commissioners may, at their discretion, waive the maximum age limit in favour