H.M. Treasury, Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Sections 1 and 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1934, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provi-sions) Act, 1939, viz: --

The Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1950, which extends the scope of the exemption from duty in respect of bismuth alloys by omitting the requirement that the alloys shall contain more than fifteen per cent. by weight of lead.

than inteen per cent. by weight of read. The Order which comes into operation on the 30th May, 1950, has been published as Statutory Instru-ments, 1950, No. 825, 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, 26th May, 1950.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission for the wearing by the undermentioned persons of the decorations respectively indicated, con-ferred upon them by the President of the French Republic in recognition of services rendered during the war:

> Order of Maritime Merit. Commander.

Reginald Stewart Mactier, Esq., C.B.E.

Officer.

Sir John Gibson Graham, M.C. Sir Reginald Hill, K.B.E., C.B. Ian Mackay Hooper, Esq. Joseph Neville Wood, Esq.

Chevalier.

Derek Fortrose Allen, Esq. Arthur Henry Carter, Esq., O.B.E. Derick Henry Edwards, Esq. Philip Eric Millbourn, Esq., C.M.G. Ian Bryan Campbell, Esq., O.B.E. Thomas Henry Humphreys, Esq. Renée, Mrs. Podmore.

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Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1. 16th May. 1950.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Jose Salvador Espat, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of British Honduras for a further period.

Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1. 22nd May, 1950.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Godfrey Walter Higgs, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands.

Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1. May 23, 1950.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that they have made Orders which have been published as S.I.s 1950, price 1d.:

No. 777. The Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1950, dated May 15, 1950. No. 779. The Horse-hides (Revocation) Order, 1950, dated May 15, 1950.

These Orders can be purchased through any book-seller, 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, Manohester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chickastin Street Balfost Chichester Street, Belfast.

ELECTRICITY ACT, 11947.

NOTICE is hereby given that whereas the Minister of Fuel and Power has by the Electricity (Area) (Congleton) Order, 1950, varied the areas of the Midlands Electricity Board and the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board and constituted new boundaries between those areas and between the area of the Midlands Electricity Board and the area of the North Western Electricity Board, and whereas those new boundaries are defined by reference to a map certified under his hand to be the map relating to the variation effected by the said order, a copy of the said map may, on and after the 26th May, 1950, be inspected on each day of the week from Monday to Saturday, inclusive (except on Bank Holidays), between the hours of 10 and 12 and 2 and 4 (on Saturdays between 10 and 12 only) at the following addresses: following addresses

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

British Electricity House, Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

Electricity House, Love Lane, Pall Mall, Liverpool 3

Boon 5. Electricity Service Centre, 29, High Street, Congleton, Cheshire. The Midlands Electricity Board's Offices at Mucklow (Hill, Halesowen, near Birmingham, and York Chambers, Kingsway, Stoke-on-Trent.

The Order referred to in this notice has been published as S.I. 1950 No. 819 copies of which may be purchased from (His Majesty's Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 13a, Castle Street, Edin-burgh 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, 'Belfast; or through any book-seller. seller.

G. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Fuel and Power.

7, Millbank,

London, S.W.1. 25th May, 1950.

Commonwealth Relations Office, 26th May 1950. The KING has approved the following retirements and relinquishment:

SPECIAL LIST (EX-INDIAN ARMY).

BRITISH ARMY.

Lt. Col. J. G. HURRELL (342 IA), retires 1st Dec. 1948.

Emergency Commission.

War Subs. Capt. S. BRADBURY-FLINT (EC 10188) relinquishes his commn., 24th May 1948 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt. Col.

Medical Services

Medical Services. The undermentioned officers retire:— Maj. T. E. PALMER, O.B.E. (MZ/10896), 3rd Oct. 1949 and is granted the hon. rank of Col. Maj. T. M. WILLIAMS (MZ/17238), 30th Oct. 1948 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt. Col. Maj. R. D. MACRAE (MZ/10865), 11th Dec. 1949 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt. Col. Maj. W. S. MORGAN (MZ/12132), 7th Mar. 1949. Maj. A. A. PULLAR, O.B.E. (MZ/13176), 11th Apl. 1949.

1949.

Maj. J. D. MURDOCH, O.B.E. (MZ/12126), 5th May 1949.

Capt. P. J. WORMALD (MZ/18440), 26th Feb. 1949 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

Civil Service Commission.

26th 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.:-

RECRUITMENT UNDER NORMAL REGULATIONS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS IN THE NATIO OF NATIONAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE.

1.—(i) Both men and women may compete under these Regulations. (ii) Married women who have formerly been estab-

lished civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widows or divorced,