Whitehall, November 24, 1950.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Alfred John Edwin Hunter, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by The Prince Royal of Belgium, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of honorary Consular Agent of Belgium at Bahia Blanca.

The Church House, Westminster, S.W.1.

16th November, 1950.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Sir Gerard Howe, Kt., K.C. (Attorney General, Nigeria), to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.

Scottish Home Department. St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1. 22nd November, 1950.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 17th November, 1950, to direct the issue of a Commission under the Seal appointed to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, appointing Brigadier George Streynsham Rawstorne, C.B.E., M.C., to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Sutherland, in the room of the late Brigadier-General Sir George Camborne Beauclerk Paynter, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1. November 21, 1950.

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

No. 1844. The Perambulators (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1950 dated November 1844. The Perambulators 14. 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, 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.

PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) ACT, 1934.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that in accordance with the provisions of that Act and of the Petroleum (Production) Regulations, 1935, he has granted to the D'Arcy Exploration Company Limited, Britannic House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2, three prospecting Licences in respect

(1) An area of 186 square miles in the County of Gloucester.

of Gloucester.

(2) An area of 187 square miles in the Counties of Gloucester and Oxford.

(3) An area of 187 square miles in the Counties of Oxford, Buckingham, Berks and Northampton.

The Minister also gives notice of the surrender by the D'Arcy Exploration Company Limited, Britannic House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2, of four oil prospecting Licences granted under the abovementioned Act and Regulations in respect of:—

(1) An area of 193 square miles in the Counties of Worcester and Warwick.

(2) An area of 186 square miles in the Counties of Worcester, Warwick and Gloucester.
(3) An area of 181 square miles in the Counties of Worcester and Gloucester.
(4) An area of 185 square miles in the Counties

of Gloucester, Oxford and Warwick.

Descriptions of the boundaries of all seven areas were published in the London Gazette of the 13th November, 1945.

Maps showing the boundaries of the areas may be inspected on application to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, Petroleum Division, 7, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

November, 1950.

Commonwealth Relations Office.

24th November, 1950.

The KING has approved the following retirements, relinquishments, etc.:

SPECIAL LIST (EX-ROYAL INDIAN NAVY). ROYAL NAVY.

Capt. J. T. HALL, C.I.E., retires 1st Sept. 1950. Capt. (E) H. J. MILLS, O.B.E., retires 6th Sept.

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

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) F. W. Gibb (456 Al) ceases to be employed with the Pakistan Armed Forces, 15th July, 1950.

Maj. P. C. Garrett (AI 170) ceases to be employed with the Pakistan Armed Forces, 13th June 1950, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Emergency Commissions.
War Subs. Lt. E. H. N. PHILLIPS (EC 8880) relinquishes his commn., 15th Aug. 1947, and is granted

the hon. rank of Lt.

War Subs. Capt. P. S. GOLDING (EC 5433) relinquishes his commn., 4th Aug. 1950, on appt. to

T.A.
War Subs. Capt. K. F. STOPPARD (EC 16114) relinquishes his commu., 18th Aug. 1950, on appt. to

Emergency Commission.

War Subs. Capt. (E.M.A.E.) H. C COATES (OW/198) relinquishes his commn., 8th July 1950, on appt. to T.A.

Medical Services. Lt.-Col. G. B. W. FISHER (MZ/7200) retires, 15th Dec. 1949.

Maj. J. GUTHRIE (MZ/9573) retires, 21st Nov. 1950, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Civil Service Commission, 24th November, 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.:-

RECONSTRUCTION COMPETITION FOR APPOINTMENTS AS RESEARCH ASSISTANTS, GRADE II, IN THE SCIENCE MUSEUM AND THE SCIENCE MUSEUM LIBRARY UNDER THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

1. Age.
Candidates must be at least 22 and under 36 years

of age on the 1st January, 1951.

But a candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may deduct the period of such service from his actual age.

Both men and women may compete under these Regulations.

3. Nationality.

Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at death a British subject; or
(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing, or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

Candidates must satisfy the Civil Service Com-missioners that they have received such systematic education as in the Commissioners' opinion fits them for the posts.