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Whitehall, September 28, 1951.

The KING has been pleased to direct the issue of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm to the following effect:—

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God of Great Britain Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith To all Archbishops Dukes Marquesses Earls Viscounts Bishops Barons Baronets Knights Citizens and Burgesses and all other Our faithful Subjects whatsoever to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

WHEREAS by section six of an Act passed in the first year of Our Reign intituled "The Regency Act 1937" it is amongst other things enacted that in the event of Our illness We may in order to prevent delay or difficulty in the despatch of public business by Letters Patent under the Great Seal delegate for the period of that illness to Counsellors of State such of Our Royal functions as may subject to the exceptions provided in the said Act be specified in the Letters Patent AND WHEREAS by reason of Our illness We deem it expedient to delegate pursuant to the said section the Royal functions hereinafter specified AND WHEREAS the persons to whom Royal functions may by virtue of the said section as amended by an Act passed in the seventh year of Our Reign intituled "The Regency Act 1943" now be delegated by Us as Counsellors of State are Our Most dearly beloved Consort the Queen Our Most dearly beloved Daughter Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Duchess of Edinburgh Lady of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter Lady of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India Our Most dearly beloved Daughter Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret Rose Lady of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India Our Most dear and entirely beloved Brother and Most faithful Counsellor His Royal Highness The Prince Henry William Frederick Albert Duke of Gloucester Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick Great Master and Principal Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honour-

able Order of the Bath Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order and Our Most dear and entirely beloved Sister Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary Lady of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order Dame Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire KNOW YE that We do hereby by virtue of the provisions of the said Acts delegate for the period of Our illness to the said Counsellors of State that is to say to Our Consort The Queen The Princess Elizabeth Duchess of Edinburgh The Princess Margaret The Duke of Gloucester and The Princess Royal the Royal functions hereinafter specified to be exercised jointly by not less than two of their number subject to the condition that they shall not act in any matter or thing on which it is signified by Us or appears to them that Our special approval should previously be obtained and accordingly We do by these Presents delegate and grant unto the said Counsellors of State or any two of them full power and authority during the period of Our illness to summon and hold on Our behalf Our Privy Council and to signify thereat Our approval of any matter or thing to which Our approval in Council is required and further to approve and sign on Our behalf commissions for signifying the Royal Assent to Acts of Parliament except an Act touching any of the matters for which provision is made in the Act of Settlement or touching Our Royal Style and Titles and to approve and sign on Our behalf any proclamation warrant fiat submission or other document requiring Our Signature which relates to the affairs of Our United Kingdom or to the affairs of any of Our Colonies or any Territories under Our protection or in which We have jurisdiction in cases where Our Government in the United Kingdom is responsible for the foreign affairs of such Colonies or Territories and to do on Our behalf any matter or thing required to be done in relation to any such proclamation warrant fiat submission or other document and further to do on Our behalf any matter or thing which by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative or of any statutory or other