

when Lloyd's had already become the recognised headquarters of British underwriting. I am indeed happy that you should invite me to lay the foundation stone of yet another building made necessary by the expansion of your business. In the short space of twenty-five years even this great underwriting room has become too cramped for your needs. Lloyd's is one of our national institutions, and is an asset of which we have every right to be proud. The system of marine insurance on which your forefathers started has been extended to cover every risk that the mind of man can conceive or that may damage his property on land, at sea or in the air. And these services are not limited to this country: they extend over the whole world and play a vital part in that interchange of goods on which the wellbeing and prosperity of all of us depend. In the grave times in which we live the value of services such as these cannot be overrated. Your name is a household word at home. But you have an international reputation: indeed "A.1 at Lloyd's" is the hall mark of integrity everywhere, the supreme standard of value. Your corporation has earned this reputation because for centuries you have embodied, and continue to embody, the highest qualities of British commerce, combining keenness and efficiency in business with a real and deep public spirit, honesty and complete trustworthiness.

As the wife and daughter of a sailor I am proud to pay tribute to the invaluable services which over the centuries the members of your corporation, like those underwriters who formed a close link with the sea captains of two hundred and fifty years ago, have rendered to the Merchant Navy and the fishing fleets in peace and war and to the close connection between Lloyd's and the Royal Navy in time of war.

I congratulate you on this new venture, and it will give me great pleasure to lay the Foundation Stone of your new building. I pray that the honour and integrity on which Lloyd's is founded, which has been built up over two and a half centuries, will ever continue to be associated with the name of this ancient corporation which has continually adapted itself to meet differing needs of succeeding ages; for what began in speculation has developed into a service of partnership to meet the needs of commerce, of industry, of the individual, and indeed of the world. May those services continue to expand to the benefit of all of us.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

3rd November, 1952.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 1st day of November, 1952, to appoint:—

Sir William Dawson Croft, K.C.B., K.B.E.,
C.I.E., C.V.O.,

Arthur Douglas Owen, Esquire, C.B.,
Charles William Hardisty, Esquire, C.B.,
Arthur Wood Taylor, Esquire,
Francis Noel Roberts, Esquire, C.B.E.,

to be Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

4th November, 1952.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 24th day of October, 1952, to appoint Geoffrey Lawrence, Esquire, Q.C., to be Deputy Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of West Sussex in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

4th November, 1952.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 24th day of October, 1952, to appoint Stephen Gerald Howard, Esquire, Q.C., to be Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the Eastern Division of the County of Suffolk in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

4th November, 1952.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 24th day of October, 1952, to appoint Stephen Gerald Howard, Esquire, Q.C., to be Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the Western Division of the County of Suffolk in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 14th November, 1952, at 1 p.m. for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £240,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 17th November, 1952, to Saturday, the 22nd November, 1952, inclusive, and will be due 91 days after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000, and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. Notification will be sent by post, on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part, and payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday 11.30 a.m.) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.
Treasury Chambers,
7th November, 1952.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 14 of the Finance Act, 1933, and Section 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, viz:—

The Import Duties (General Ad Valorem Duty Reduction) (No. 2) Order, 1952, which reduces the rate of duty on milo starch of a value exceeding 10s. 0d. a cwt. chargeable under the Import Duties Act, 1932, from 10 per cent. ad valorem to 7½ per cent. ad valorem or 1s. a cwt., whichever is the greater.

The Order comes into operation on the 10th November, 1952, and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1952, No. 1922.

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Whitehall, 7th November, 1952.

The QUEEN has been pleased, on Wednesday the 5th November, at Buckingham Palace to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Mr. Justice (William Arthur) Davies.