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FRIDAY, 22 MAY, 1953

Privy Council Office, Whitehall.

22nd May, 1953.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by the Urban District Council of Leek, in the Administrative County of Stafford, praying for the grant of a MUNICIPAL CHARTER OF INCORPORATION; and notice is hereby further given that the said Petition will be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on or after the 1st day of July, 1953.

Privy Council Office,

22nd May, 1953.

UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE ACT, 1923.

A Statute made by Queen's College, in the University of Oxford, on the 18th May, 1953, has been submitted for the approval of Her Majesty in Council, and notice of its having been so submitted is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923".

Westminster, 20th May, 1953.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, to desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read, and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—*

- Town and Country Planning Act, 1953.
- White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953.
- Coastal Flooding (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1953.
- Pharmacy Act, 1953.
- Bromley Corporation Act, 1953.
- Belper Urban District Council Act, 1953.
- Tees Conservancy Superannuation Scheme Act, 1953.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

22nd May, 1953.

The QUEEN has been pleased to appoint His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., to be Grand Master and First or Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

22nd May, 1953.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

Petty Officer Samuel John HORLICK, C/JX 154853, H.M.S. BARSOUND.

When H.M. Dockyard, Sheerness was flooded on the night of 1st February, 1953, a ship in dry dock was in danger of capsizing owing to the flood waters pouring into her engine room.

Petty Officer HORLICK organised a party of five ratings and, securing a dinghy which was drifting nearby, boarded the ship. The party had already seen another ship capsize but, in spite of this, and fully aware of the risk they ran, Petty Officer HORLICK led the party below by the aid of candle lanterns. He found where the water was flooding into the engine room and, working for nearly an hour in semi-darkness, the party succeeded in making the ship reasonably watertight.

Petty Officer HORLICK set a splendid example of courage and leadership and showed outstanding initiative and knowledge of what to do to ensure the safety of one of H.M. ships.

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 29th May, 1953, 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 £260,000,000.

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 1st June, 1953, to Saturday, the 6th June, 1953, 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