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FRIDAY, 12 MARCH, 1954

Westminster, 9th March, 1954.

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:—

Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Act, 1954.

Industrial Diseases (Benefit) Act, 1954.

Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Act, 1954.

Merchant Shipping Act, 1954.

Civil Defence (Electricity Undertakings) Act, 1954.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

12th March, 1954.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint Major-General Douglas Neil WIMBERLEY, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, to be Registrar and Secretary of the said Most Honourable Order in the room of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Alexander Holcombe LONGCROFT, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., retired.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint Rear-Admiral Robert St. Vincent SHERBROOKE, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., to be Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in the room of Major-General Douglas Neil WIMBERLEY, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., appointed to be Registrar and Secretary of the said Most Honourable Order.

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 19th March, 1954, 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 22nd March, 1954, to Saturday, the 27th March, 1954, 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.

12th March, 1954.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under the Second Schedule to the Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 11 of the Finance Act, 1951, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz.:—

The Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1954, which provides for the allowance of drawback of the Customs duty paid on certain parts of electrical insulators, when complete insulators incorporating those parts are exported or shipped as stores.

The Order comes into operation on the 16th March, 1954, and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1954, No. 258.

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Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932,