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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

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MERCHANT SHIPPING.

SAFETY CONVENTION.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) Order, 1955.

Made 17th March, 1955.

Laid before Parliament 22nd March, 1955.

Coming in Operation upon the date of publication in the London Gazette

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of March, 1955.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section 31 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act, 1949, 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 43, it is enacted that Her Majesty, if satisfied that the government of any country has accepted the Safety Convention or that the Safety Convention extends to any territory may, by Order in Council, make a declaration to that effect.

And whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that the Government of the Roumanian People's Republic has accepted the Safety Convention and that the Safety Convention extends to the territory of the Netherlands Antilles:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Her by the aforesaid section and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and doth hereby order as follows:—

1. It is hereby declared that the government of the Roumanian People's Republic has accepted the Safety Convention.

2. It is hereby declared that the Safety Convention extends to the territory of the Netherlands Antilles.

3. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation upon the date of its publication in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

Privy Council Office, 25th March, 1955.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that Her Majesty in Council was pleased on the 17th day of March, 1955, to approve an Order in Council under the above named Act entitled "The Merchant Shipping (Foreign Deserter) (United States of Mexico) Order, 1955".

Copies of the said Order, when published, may be purchased directly from Her Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 109, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Privy Council Office, 25th March, 1955.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by the British Linen Bank, praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTARY CHARTER; and that Her Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 25th day of April next.

Privy Council Office, 25th March, 1955.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by the University Life Assurance Society, praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER; and that Her Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 25th day of April next.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

25th March, 1955.

The QUEEN has directed that the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division), announced in the London Gazette on the 12th June, 1947, to Frederick Wilfred Smith, formerly No. 515973 Flight Sergeant, Royal Air Force, shall be cancelled and annulled in consequence of his having been sentenced to be discharged with ignominy from Her Majesty's Service.

CHANCERY OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE THISTLE.

Edinburgh.

22nd March, 1955.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the undermentioned to be Knights of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle:—

The Right Honourable David Alexander Robert, Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, G.B.E.

The Right Honourable Alexander Steven, Lord Bilsland, M.C.

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 1st April, 1955, 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 £270,000,000.

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