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TUESDAY, 25 DECEMBER, 1956

Westminster, 20th December, 1956.

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:—*

Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Temporary Increase) Act, 1956.

Air Corporations Act, 1956.

Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1956.

Agriculture (Silo Subsidies) Act, 1956.

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

21st December, 1956.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 21st day of December, 1956, to appoint Robert Boyd Cochrane Parnall, Esquire, to be Recorder of the City of Hereford.

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

20th December, 1956.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 19th day of December, 1956, to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Richard Geraint Rees to be a Metropolitan Magistrate.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of section 85 (3) of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has made the following Orders:—

Statutory Instruments 1956 No. 1991.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 66, 1956 (Made 14th December, 1956).

1. Contracts, as from 20th December, 1956, the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Infected Area around St. Margaret's at Cliffe, Kent, declared by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 63,

1956, to an area comprising the districts situate within approximately 5 miles of St. Margaret's at Cliffe.

2. Releases such contracted Infected Area from restrictions on 27th December, 1956.

Statutory Instruments 1956 No. 2024.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 67, 1956 (Made 17th December, 1956).

1. Declares, as from 21st December, 1956, an area comprising the districts situate within approximately 10 miles of Southminster, Essex, to be an Infected Area for the purpose of preventing the spread of foot-and-mouth disease, to which area the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order of 1938 are applied. The area subject to restrictions lies wholly in the county of Essex. This area replaces the area previously declared by Special Order No. 62, 1956, which was extended by Special Order No. 64, 1956, and contracted by Special Order No. 65, 1956.

2. Contracts, as from 22nd December, 1956, the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Infected Area around Wroxall, Isle of Wight, declared by Special Order No. 61, 1956, to an area comprising the districts situate within approximately 5 miles of Wroxall.

3. Releases such contracted Infected Area from restrictions on 29th December, 1956.

Statutory Instruments 1956 No. 2025.

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Special Order No. 68, 1956 (Made 17th December, 1956).

Declares an area comprising the districts situate within approximately 10 miles of Appledore, Kent, to be an Infected Area for the purpose of preventing the spread of foot-and-mouth disease, to which area the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order of 1938 are applied. The area subject to restriction lies in the counties of Kent and East Sussex.

Copies of the above-mentioned Orders may be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Hook Rise, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.

Office of the High Commissioner for India.

The High Commissioner for India has with the approval of the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, appointed Mr. E. G. Dunkley, Assistant Superintendent, Mercantile Marine Office, Tilbury, to superintend the transfer of Lascars or other persons and to grant the Certificate required under section 125 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vic. Cap. 60).

The fee to be paid for every Lascar or other person in respect of whom such Certificate is applied for, is limited to three shillings each and in no case is the total amount of fees in respect of one crew to exceed five pounds.