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State Intelligence

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
20th December 1966.

Christopher John Tennant, Esquire, having reached the age limit for retirement, relinquishes his appointment as a Page of Honour to The QUEEN.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Harry St. Clair Fane to be a Page of Honour to Her Majesty.

The appointment to date from Saturday, 17th December 1966.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers,
Gt. George Street, London S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice that subscriptions for Company Tax Reserve Certificates under the terms of the Prospectus dated 21st June 1966, issued by the Bank of England will not be received after 20th December 1966.

On and after 21st December 1966, and until further notice in the *London Gazette*, Company Tax Reserve Certificates will be offered for subscription under the terms of the Prospectus dated 21st December 1966.

The rate of interest to be allowed on Certificates which are subscribed on and after 21st December 1966, and until further notice under the terms of the Prospectus dated 21st December 1966, will continue to be $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Storey's Gate, London S.W.1.
12th December 1966.

In pursuance of section 1 (3) of Part I of the Prices and Incomes Act, 1966, the First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for Economic Affairs has been pleased to appoint Bruce Rodda Williams, M.A., to be a part-time member of the National Board for Prices and Incomes.

REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES

Pay of Workers in Agriculture in England and Wales
The Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales made a proposal on 30th November 1966 to increase the statutory minimum rate of agricultural

workers by 6s. a week. In pursuance of their powers under section 2 (1) of the Prices and Incomes Act, 1966, the First Secretary of State and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, hereby refer this proposal to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination, having regard to the complex aspects of the application of the criterion set out in paragraph 28 of the Prices and Incomes (General Considerations) (No. 2) Order, 1966.

16th December 1966.

REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES

Pay of Workers in the Retail Drapery Trade

The Retail Drapery Outfitting and Footwear Trades Wages Council made a proposal on 24th November 1966 to increase the basic minimum wage of workers in the retail drapery trade by 15s. a week for men and 12s. 6d. a week for women. In pursuance of their powers under section 2 (1) of the Prices and Incomes Act, 1966, the First Secretary of State and the Minister of Labour hereby refer this proposal to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination, having regard to the complex aspects of the application of the criterion set out in paragraph 28 of the Prices and Incomes (General Considerations) (No. 2) Order, 1966.

16th December 1966.

REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRICES AND INCOMES

Fire Service Pay

Before the incomes standstill there had been negotiations in the National Joint Council for local authorities' fire brigades on claims for improved pay and reduced hours for firemen, leading firemen and sub-officers from 1st August 1966, the date of expiry of the last pay agreement. A claim has also been made for increases in the salaries of Fire Service Officers, with effect from the same date which is one year after the last general pay increase for officers.

2. The Fire Service has special problems of manning. It must provide adequate fire cover and be ready for action at all times; of necessity, a part of a fireman's time may be spent waiting for emergency calls and it is particularly desirable to make arrangements that are economical of manpower.

3. In pursuance of their powers under section 2 (1) of the Prices and Incomes Act, 1966, the First Secretary of State and the Secretaries of State for the Home Department and for Scotland hereby refer to the National Board for Prices and Incomes for examination the structure and levels of remuneration in the Fire Service with particular reference to the current claims.

19th December 1966.