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State Intelligence

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

2nd January 1968.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Cecil Day-Lewis, Esquire, C.B.E., M.A., C.Litt., to be Poet Laureate in Ordinary to Her Majesty in the room of John Massfield, Esquire, O.M., C.Litt., Litt.D., LL.D., deceased.

The appointment to date from the 1st January 1968.

> Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, London S.W.1. 2nd January 1968.

The PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH has been pleased to appoint Captain John Campbell Hardy, Royal Marines, to be an Extra Equerry to His Royal Highness in the room of Captain Keith Nigel Wilkins, Royal Marines, who relinquishes the appointment on completion of his tour of duty.

The appointment to date from 1st January 1968.

TREASURY

H.M. Treasury, Treasury Chambers, Great George Street, London S.W.1.

REDEMPTION AND CONVERSION OF: 41 PER CENT. DEFENCE BONDS

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Prospectus for 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds dated 1st Prospectus for 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds dated 1st May 1956, that Bonds purchased in the period 2nd November 1957 to 30th April 1958 (maturing on 1st May 1968), will be repayable, upon application by the holders, at the rate of £105 per £100 on 1st May 1968, unless the holders accept an offer of conversion into 5½ per cent. National Development Bonds (First Conversion Issue). Interest on these 4½ per cent. Defence Bonds will not be paid in respect of periods after 1st May 1968.

Holders of the Defence Bonds concerned will be invited to exchange their holdings, in whole or in part, in multiples of £5, into 5½ per cent. National Development Bonds (First Conversion Issue) on 1st May 1968 at the rate of £5 of such Bonds for each £5 of Bonds tendered. The terms of the new First Conversion Issue Bonds will be the same as those of the 5½ per cent. National Development Bonds (First Issue) currently on sale, except that

interest will be payable on 1st March and 1st September.

Holders of the maturing 41 per cent. Defence Bonds who decide not to accept the conversion offer should apply for repayment. No interest will be payable on the Bonds after they mature on 1st May 1968, and they can only be repaid upon application

by the holder.

The full conversion terms will be given in a Prospectus and Notice which will be sent to holders, or in the case of joint holdings the first named or in the case of joint holdings the first named holder, on 5th January 1968, together with a form of request for conversion, and a form of application for repayment for use if they do not wish to convert. Holders should signify their intentions by completing the appropriate form and returning it with the Bond Book(s) to the Director, Post Office Savings Department, Stock Branch, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs., or to the Trustee Savings Bank at which the Bonds are held as appropriate held, as appropriate.

held, as appropriate.

Any holder who does not receive these forms, with the Prospectus and Notice, within a reasonable time after 5th January 1968, should report the fact to the Post Office Savings Department or to his Trustee Savings Bank, as appropriate.

Holders who accept the offer of conversion will receive on 1st May 1968, the final interest payment on the matured Defence Bonds, at £4½ per cent. per annum for the period 1st November 1967 to 30th April 1968, together with the maturity premium of £5 per cent. on Bonds exchanged. per cent. on Bonds exchanged.

The list of acceptances of the conversion offer will be closed on 2nd February 1968.

CROWN OFFICE

House of Lords, London S.W.1.

1st January 1968.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 1st day of January 1968, to appoint:

Sir Alexander Johnston, G.C.B., K.B.E., Joseph Robert McKenzie Willis, Esquire, C.B., C.M.G.,

Norman Charles Price, Esquire,
Alexander James Nicol Miller, Esquire, C.B.,
Edward Somerville McNairn, Esquire, C.B.,
James Arthur Johnstone, Esquire,
William Harold Barrett Johnson, Esquire,
Douglas Mexander Smith, Esquire, and James Webb, Esquire,

to be Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inland Revenue.