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TUESDAY, 21st MAY 1968

State Intelligence

Buckingham Palace,
14th May 1968.

This day had Audience of The QUEEN:

His Excellency Monsieur Karim Bangoura, to present his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Guinea.

Copies of the Order may be purchased (price 3d. net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the addresses shown on the last page of this Gazette or from any bookseller.

Goldsmiths' Hall,
Foster Lane, London E.C.2.

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE LONDON MINT

Verdict

We, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the 22nd day of February 1968 before the Queen's Remembrancer at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London, made the following assays and trials of Her Majesty's coins which, according to accounts produced by the Officers of the Royal Mint in London, were coined in the said Mint from the 1st day of January 1967 to the 31st day of December 1967, both dates inclusive, in accordance with the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1946 (hereinafter called "the Acts") and were set aside and placed in the pyx of the said Mint as prescribed by regulations made under the Acts.

1. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that such number corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented the packet to contain.

2. (a) From each of the one hundred and thirty-three packets of gold coins we took one sovereign.

(b) We weighed separately each of the said sovereigns so taken and we ascertained that it was within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Acts, and we found that such sovereigns were on the whole within such variation, being fourteen thousandth parts of an ounce (+0.014) above standard weight.

(c) We then melted such sovereigns into an ingot and assayed such ingot comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold produced by the Board of Trade, and we found that such ingot was within the variation from standard fineness allowed by the Acts, the amount of variation from standard fineness being minus nine hundred-thousandth parts (-0.00009).

(d) We weighed in bulk the residu of the coins remaining in the packets of gold coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the variation from standard weight allowed under the Acts, being two hundred and ninety-one thousandth parts of an ounce (+0.291) above standard weight.

(e) We then took from such residu six sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately, and we found that such sovereigns weighed respectively the first 123.258 grains, the second 123.292 grains, the third 123.316 grains, the fourth 123.324 grains, the fifth 123.389 grains and the sixth 123.251 grains, and that therefore the first of such sovereigns was sixteen thousandth parts of a grain (-0.016) below, the second, eighteen thousandth parts of a grain (+0.018) above, the third, forty-two thousandth parts of a grain (+0.042) above, the fourth, fifty thousandth parts of a grain (+0.050) above, the fifth, one hundred and

CROWN OFFICE

House of Lords, S.W.1.
21st May 1968.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 21st day of May 1968, to confer the dignity of a Barony of the United Kingdom for life upon Sir Laurence Norman Helsby, G.C.B., K.B.E., by the name, style and title of BARON HELSBY OF LOGMORE in the County of Surrey.

LORD CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

House of Lords, London S.W.1.

The Lord Chancellor and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury made, on the 26th April 1968, the Agricultural Credits Fees Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/678). Copies may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office or through any bookseller, price 6d. net.

The Lord Chancellor and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury made, on the 26th April 1968, the Land Charges Fees Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/677). Copies may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office or through any bookseller, price 6d. net.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under section 2 (3) of the Purchase Tax Act 1963, viz.:

The Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order 1968.

This Order reduces from 30,000 to 20,000 British thermal units per hour the qualifying limit for the exemption from purchase tax of certain gas-fired water boilers and electrical appliances for domestic central heating systems.

The Order comes into operation on 13th May 1968, and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1968 No. 709.