

Duke of Edinburgh intends to accompany Us during Our absence from Our United Kingdom. Know Ye that by virtue of the said enactments We do hereby delegate for the period of Our absence to the said Counsellors of State (excepting Our Husband Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh while absent from Our United Kingdom) the Royal functions specified in the First Schedule annexed hereto to be exercised jointly by not less than two of their number subject to the following exceptions and conditions namely That they the said Counsellors of State shall not have power to dissolve Parliament otherwise than on Our express instructions or to grant any rank title or dignity of the peerage That they shall not receive any homage required to be done to Ourselves That they shall not approve or sign any warrant fiat submission or other document for which Our approval or signature is required for or in connection with any of the matters described in the Second Schedule annexed hereto and That if We signify or it appears to them that they should not act in any matter or for any purpose without Our previous special approval they shall not act in that matter or for that purpose without that approval Commanding all and singular Archbishops Dukes Marquesses Earls Viscounts Bishops Barons Baronets Knights Citizens and Burgesses and all other Our Officers Ministers and Subjects that in everything appertaining to the matters aforesaid they be attendant counselling and helping the said Counsellors of State as it behoves them In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters Patent to be made patent Witness Ourselves at Westminster the 29th day of April in the twentieth year of Our Reign

By warrant under The QUEEN'S Sign Manual

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THE FIRST SCHEDULE

The Delegated Royal Functions

Full power and authority during the period of Our said absence—

To summon and hold on Our behalf Our Privy Council and to signify thereat Our approval for anything for which Our approval in Council is required

To approve and sign on Our behalf Letters Patent signifying the Royal Assent to Acts of Parliament except any Act touching any of the matters for which provision is made in the Act of Settlement or touching Our Royal Style and Titles

To approve and sign on Our behalf any proclamation warrant fiat submission or other document requiring Our approval or signature which relates to the affairs of Our United Kingdom or to the affairs of any of Our Colonies or any Territories under Our protection or in which We have jurisdiction being Colonies or Territories for whose foreign affairs Our Government in the United Kingdom is responsible and to do on Our behalf anything required to be done in relation to any such proclamation warrant fiat submission or other document and

To do on Our behalf anything which by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative or of any statutory or other power We are authorised to do for the safety or good government of Our United Kingdom any of Our said Colonies or any of the said Territories.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Excepted Matters

Awards of honours decorations and medals

Precedence to rank among nobility

The use by British subjects of foreign titles and the wearing of foreign Orders in the United Kingdom

Issue of writs in peerage claims for the determination of abeyances

Disbandment and amalgamation of regiments and other army units and changes in army and air force dress

Matters arising in connection with the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Amendment of Statutes of Orders

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice that they have made an Order under sections 3 (6) and 13 of the Import Duties Act, 1958, viz:

The Import Duties (Temporary Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 1971.

This Order provides that the goods listed in Schedule 1 shall be temporarily exempt from import duty, and those listed in Schedule 2 shall continue to be exempt from import duty, both until 1st January 1972, except for items for which an earlier day is specified.

The Order comes into operation on the 4th May 1971 and has been published as Statutory Instrument 1971 No. 667.

Copies of the Order may be purchased (price 7½p net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office at the addresses shown on the last page of this Gazette or from booksellers.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COMMISSIONERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Treasury hereby give notice that in accordance with the powers conferred upon them by the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) the following rates of interest shall be charged on loans made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners on and after 1st May 1971.

Loans to local authorities as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the said Act.

Period of Loan	Per cent. per annum			
	Lower		Higher	
	Loans Repayable By Instalments	At Maturity	Loans Repayable By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 5 years ...	6½	7½	8½	8½
Over 5 but not over 10 years ...	7½	8½	8½	9½
Over 10 but not over 15 years ...	7½	8½	9	9½
Over 15 but not over 25 years ...	8½	9½	9½	9½
Over 25 years ...	9	9½	9½	9½

The amount which an authority borrows within its annual quota as determined by the said Commissioners will bear interest at the appropriate rate in the lower set of rates. Where authorities borrow further sums these will attract interest in the higher set of rates, unless the said Commissioners agree that they should be offset against the following year's quota. Different rates of interest apply according to whether the principal of a loan is repaid by instalments or at maturity.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS FROM THE NATIONAL LOANS FUND

The Treasury in pursuance of section 5 of the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) hereby give notice that on and after 1st May 1971 the rates of interest determined by them as the lowest rates under that section (being rates which satisfy the conditions laid down in subsection (2) thereof) shall be:

Period of Loan	Per cent. per annum	
	Loans Repayable By Instalments	At Maturity
	Up to 1 year ...	—
Over 1 but not over 5 years ...	6½	7½
Over 5 but not over 10 years ...	7½	8½
Over 10 but not over 15 years...	7½	8½
Over 15 but not over 25 years...	8½	9½
Over 25 years ...	9	9½

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

28th April 1971

DEPUTY LIEUTENANT COMMISSIONS

Commission signed by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Essex

Captain (Honorary Lt.-Colonel) The Right Honourable The Lord Chelmer, M.C., T.D., J.P., of Peacocks Margaretting, Ingatestone, Essex.

J. S. Mills, Clerk to the Lieutenancy, County of Essex.

Dated 22nd April 1971.

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