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State Intelligence

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

Downing Street, London S.W.1.

11th November 1971.

The QUEEN has been pleased to issue an Amending Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, BY THE GRACE OF GOD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND OF HER OTHER REALMS AND TERRITORIES QUEEN, HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

Whereas by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the twenty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, We were pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of the Colonial Fire Brigades Long Service Medal, reserving to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual:

And whereas We deem it expedient to make various alterations in the said Warrant:

Now therefore We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors ordain and appoint that the said Warrant shall be amended as follows:

- (1) The following shall be substituted for Clause Fifthly of the said Warrant:

"Eligibility and Service required.—The Medal shall be awarded to members of all ranks of Fire Brigades who have completed not less than eighteen years' whole-time or part-time continuous service in properly organised Fire Brigades in any Colony, Associated State or Territory under Our Protection or Administration, or an aggregate of eighteen years' whole-time or part-time continuous service, as defined in the Regulations hereinafter mentioned, in

properly organised Fire Brigades in more than one Colony, Associated State or Territory under Our Protection or Administration or in any Fire Brigade service in which would reckon as qualifying service for the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and in one or more Colonies, Associated States or Territories under Our Protection or Administration. Compulsory service in Our Armed Forces or Merchant Navy which interrupted and was continuous with qualifying fire service shall itself be treated as qualifying service. Provided that no account shall be taken of any service for which, in the case of the person concerned, the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the Civil Defence Long Service Medal, the Colonial Special Constabulary Medal or a Clasp to any of these Medals has already been awarded."

- (2) At the end of Clause Eighthly of the said Warrant, the words "Sierra Leone Fire Brigade Long Service Medal" shall be substituted for the words "Colonial Police Long Service Medal".

- (3) The following shall be substituted for Clause Tenthly of the said Warrant:

"Delegated Powers.—Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this our Warrant shall be vested in Our Governor or Officer Administering the Government of the Colony, Associated State or Territory under Our Protection or Administration in which the period of service requisite to qualify for the Medal has been completed."

- (4) The following shall be inserted after Clause Twelfthly of the said Warrant:

"Thirteenthly: Regulations.—Our Governor or Officer Administering the Government of the Colony, Associated State or Territory concerned shall issue from time to time, with the prior approval of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, such Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters as shall be necessary in order to carry out the purpose of this Our Warrant."