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FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 1974

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THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY 1974

BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

ELIZABETH R.

MARGARET

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 24th day of January 1974, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council, to approve and sign on Her Majesty's behalf any proclamation relating to the affairs of the United Kingdom, to do on Her Majesty's behalf anything required to be done in relation to any such proclamation, and further to do on Her Majesty's behalf anything which, by virtue of any statutory or other power, Her Majesty is authorised to do for the safety or good government of the United Kingdom:

And whereas by section 1 of the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, it is enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists:

And, whereas, on the 9th day of January, 1974, Her Majesty made, in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, as so

amended, a proclamation declaring that the industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and on the railways and the reduction of oil supplies reaching Great Britain did, in Her Majesty's opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of that Act:

And whereas, by virtue of section 1 of the said Act of 1920, a proclamation issued in pursuance thereof does not remain in force for more than one month:

And whereas the continuance of the said industrial disputes and the continued reduction in those oil supplies do, in Our opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920:

Now, therefore, We, Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, and by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, do on Her Majesty's behalf hereby declare that a state of emergency exists.

Given at the Court of Saint James this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four, and in the twenty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, London SW1.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment:

To be Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland

The Very Reverend Hugh Osborne Douglas, C.B.E., M.A., D.D., LL.D.

The Appointment to date from the 24th January 1974.