

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 and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, have on Her Majesty's behalf this day been pleased to dissolve the present Parliament and to declare the calling of another:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf, further order that the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, do respectively, upon notice of this Order, forthwith cause Writs to be issued in due form and according to Law for the calling of a new Parliament to meet at the City of Westminster on Wednesday the sixth day of March, 1974; which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

N. E. Leigh

Buckingham Palace,
8th February 1974.

This Day had Audience of QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER and The PRINCESS MARGARET, COUNTESS OF SNOWDON, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The QUEEN.

His Excellency Señor Gustavo Ycaza, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Señor Dr. Antonio Parra Velasco, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Ecuador.

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

28th January 1974.

Notice is hereby given that in 1975 the date for the observance of The Queen's Birthday, both at home and abroad, will be Saturday, 14th June.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Home Office,
Whitehall,
London, SW1A 2AP.

12th February 1974.

Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH, The Queen Mother, acting on behalf of Her Majesty by authority of Letters Patent under the Great Seal dated 25th January 1974, conferred the honour of Knighthood, at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday, 5th February 1974, on:

Sir William Wilkinson ADDISON, D.L.
Sir Alexander Sandor ALEXANDER.
Sir Ralph Ellis BROOK, C.M.G., O.B.E.
Sir John Gilbert Newton BROWN, C.B.E.
Sir Thomas BROWN.
Sir Daniel Norman CHESTER, C.B.E.
Sir Charles John CURRAN.
Sir Alan Graham DAWTRY, C.B.E., T.D.
Sir Nigel Thomas Loveridge FISHER, M.C., M.P.
Sir Herbert Raymond GOWER, M.P.
Sir William Woolf HARRIS, O.B.E.
Sir Charles William HAYWARD, C.B.E.
Sir Arthur Ford HETHERINGTON, D.S.C.
Sir John Maxwell HILL, C.B.E., D.F.C., Q.P.M.
Sir Maurice George KENDALL, F.B.A.

[Her Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 1st January 1974.]

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

12th February 1974.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

(To be dated 8th February 1974)

To be an Ordinary Member of the First Class, or Knight Grand Cross, of the said Most Distinguished Order:

Leo Victor DE GALE, Esq., C.B.E.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

12th February 1974.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by The Royal British Legion, praying for the grant of a Supplemental Charter; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, having, on behalf of Her Majesty, referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 5th day of March next.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by The Faculty of Radiologists, praying for the grant of a Supplemental Charter; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, having, on behalf of Her Majesty, referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 5th day of March next.

PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of February 1974 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Counsellors of State, by Order in Council on Her Majesty's behalf confirmed a Scheme made by the Church Commissioners for uniting the benefices and parishes of St. Peter and St. Alphege with St. Margaret, Canterbury; and St. Mildred with St. Mary de Castro, Canterbury, in the diocese of Canterbury; and altering the area of the parish of St. Mary Bredin, Canterbury.

Copies of the said Order may be obtained on application to the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, Westminster, London, SW1P 3JZ.

PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February 1974 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Counsellors of State, by Order in Council on Her Majesty's behalf confirmed a Scheme made by the Church Commissioners for establishing a team ministry for the area of the benefice of the Isles of Scilly, in the diocese of Truro.

Copies of the said Order may be obtained on application to the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, Westminster, London, SW1P 3JZ.

PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February 1974 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as Counsellors of State, by Order in Council on Her Majesty's behalf confirmed a Scheme made by the Church Commissioners for uniting the parishes of Carlton Scroope and Normanton, in the diocese of Lincoln, and declaring redundant the parish church of the parish of Normanton.

Copies of the said Order may be obtained on application to the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, Westminster, SW1P 3JZ.