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BY THE KING

A PROCLAMATION

IN ORDER TO THE ELECTING A PEER OF SCOTLAND.

GEORGE R.I.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable Archibald Alexander, Earl of Leven and Melville, was duly elected and returned to be one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and is since deceased: In order to the Electing a Peer of Scotland to sit in his room, We do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, at Edinburgh, on Tuesday the first day of July one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, at twelve o'clock noon to nominate and choose a Peer of Scotland to sit and vote in the House of Peers in this present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the room of the said Archibald Alexander, Earl of Leven and Melville, deceased, by open Election and Plurality of Voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent (such Proxies being Peers and producing a Mandate in Writing duly signed before Witnesses, and both the Constituent and Proxy being qualified according to Law); and the Lord Clerk Register or the Principal Clerk of Session or, in the absence of both these Officers from any cause, such person as may be designated for the purpose by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, is hereby required to attend such Meeting, and to take the Votes of the said Peers, and immediately after such Election made and duly examined to certify the Name of the Peer so elected, and to sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the Electors, and return such Certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain: And We strictly charge and command that this Our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the County Towns of Scotland, Ten Days at least before the Time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such Election.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of June 1947.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 21st day of May 1947 (N.3392/47), in the words following, viz.:-

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all

pay, pensions, or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas we consider it necessary to improve the provision of shorthand facilities in the Fleet and in Shore Establishments by the creation of a new branch in the Royal Navy to be known as the Stenographer Branch:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty by Your Order in Council may be graciously pleased to give Your sanction accordingly, the rates of pay for men of the new branch to be in accordance with those sanctioned in Your Order in Council dated 26th June 1946:

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in the above proposals."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

E. C. E. LEADBITTER.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of June 1947.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Section 659 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (which is a Section in Part XI. of that Act), it is (amongst other things) enacted that His Majesty may by Order in Council fix the establishment to be maintained by each of the General Lighthouse Authorities on account of the services of lighthouses, buoys, and beacons, or the annual or other sums to be paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund in respect of those establishments.

And whereas by Section 738 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, it is (amongst other things) enacted that where His Majesty has power under that Act or any Act thereafter to be passed amending the same to make an Order in Council, His Majesty may from time to time make the Order in Council and by Order in Council revoke, alter, or add to any Order so made:

And whereas by Section I. of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, it is (amongst other things) provided that references in Part XI. of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, to the Mercantile Marine Fund shall be construed as references to the General Lighthouse Fund by the now reciting Act constituted:

And whereas, by the Northern Lighthouse Board (Establishment) Order, 1936 (printed in the London Gazette, 14th July 1936), as varied by the Northern Lighthouse Board (Variation of Establishment) Order, 1941 (printed in the London Gazette, 14th October 1941) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Order"), the Establishment to be maintained by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses being one of the General Lighthouse Authorities referred to in