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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1949.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of December 1949.

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 8th day of December 1949 (N.L. 7066/48), 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, Wages, Pensions, Bounty Money, Grants, or other Allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of service in Your Majesty's Naval or Royal Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine, 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 with a view to the avoidance of public loss we consider it desirable that in cases where a person having been in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces owes a judgment debt to the Crown, we should have power to effect recovery of such debt by deductions from any Half-pay, Retired Pay, Pension, or other Allowance in the nature thereof payable to that person :

“We therefore beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to direct that any Half-pay, Retired Pay, Pension, or other Allowance in the nature thereof payable to any person having been an Officer, Seaman, or Marine of Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Forces shall be liable to deductions of such amounts and at such times and for such periods as we in our direction think fit for the purpose of effecting the recovery in whole or in part of the amount of any judgment debt owing to the Crown by any such person as aforesaid.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have expressed their concurrence in this proposal.”

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.

Privy Council Office, 15th December 1949.

PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACTS, 1907 to 1946.

Notice is hereby given that His Majesty in Council was pleased, on the 15th December 1949, to make an Order in Council under the above-mentioned Acts, entitled “The Patents, etc. (Singapore) Order, 1949.”

Copies of the said Order, when published, may be purchased directly from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses :—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39 King Street, Manchester, 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Treasury Chambers, London, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Sections 1 and 19 of the Import Duties Act, 1932, Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1934, Section 7 of the Finance Act, 1936, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz. :—

The Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1949, which exempts from Customs Duty sacks of certain weight and size, made wholly of woven cotton fabric and indelibly marked with a trade mark covering an area of not less than 80 square inches.

The Order, which comes into operation on the 22nd December 1949, has been published as Statutory Instruments 1949, No. 2325, and copies may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses :—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39 King Street, Manchester, 2; 2 Edmund Street, Birmingham, 3; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday the 23rd December 1949, at 1 p.m., for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £230,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000, or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Wednesday the 28th December 1949 to Saturday the 31st December 1949, inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills are required to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House, or Broker.

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday 12 noon) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers,
16th December 1949.