

Naval Service of the Country. In its Royal Dockyard (closed in 1869) have been built some of the most famous ships in the history of the Royal Navy particularly those associated with the victories of Sir Francis Drake and Lord Nelson. It was here that Queen Elizabeth conferred the honour of Knighthood upon Sir Francis Drake on his return from the circumnavigation of the world.

The Royal Observatory, built by Sir Christopher Wren on the site of Greenwich Castle in 1675 at the instance of Charles II for the assistance of navigation, and which now defines the meridian and thus governs the standard of time of Great Britain, and the meridian of longitude to be used throughout the world, is situate within Greenwich Park.

It is because of the associations of Greenwich with the Crown, the Royal Navy and the Maritime World, that the inhabitants of the Borough feel deeply honoured by Your Majesty's visit on such a propitious occasion as the opening of the National Maritime Museum which will house in the cradle of the Royal Navy such a magnificent collection of articles historically associated with the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine and will prove a further connecting link of Greenwich with its traditional maritime history.

We humbly pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to guide the destinies of this Great Empire in whose prosperity and happiness each of Your loyal subjects evinces such justifiable pride.

The Common Seal of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Greenwich was hereunto affixed, in pursuance of a Resolution for the purpose duly passed at a Meeting of the Council of the said Borough, in the presence of

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J. R. DABIN, Mayor.  
D. J. REASON, Town Clerk.

*To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following Gracious Answer:*

The Queen and I thank you heartily for your loyal Address and for the warmth of your welcome on our first visit to Greenwich since my Accession.

Rightly do you recall with pride your historical associations with the Royal House, the Royal Navy and the Maritime world.

In Greenwich was born King Henry VIII, the Founder of the Royal Navy. Thousands of aged and disabled seamen of the Royal Navy found refuge in the peace and calm of the Royal Hospital instituted by Queen Mary, to whose foresight we are indebted for the wonderful vista which stretches from the river to the hill on which stands the Royal Observatory established by King Charles II. The work carried on in the Royal Observatory led to the institution of the Nautical Almanac which has made the name of Greenwich known in the remotest parts of the world. I notice that your Coat of Arms is a perpetual reminder that Greenwich gives time to the world.

For more than sixty years the Royal Naval College has been the nursery of our Sea Services, and Greenwich is so closely linked with our maritime story that there is no place in this country in which the Museum could be more appropriately established.

I am happy to think that The Queen's House in which so many of my Ancestors have resided has now become accessible to the public, and I am sure that the people of Greenwich will not be slow to enjoy the wealth of treasures which it contains.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
30th April, 1937.*

Notice is hereby given that the King's Birthday will be celebrated in London and at all stations, both at home and abroad, on Wednesday, the 9th June next: except that the day appointed for this Celebration in the case of the Customs and Excise Department and in the case of the Officers and Servants of the Dock Companies in England and Northern Ireland will be Saturday, the 12th June next.

*Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.  
29th April, 1937.*

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, viz.:

The Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1937, relating to castor seed used in the manufacture of castor oil.

The Order has been published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1937, No. 377, and copies may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Austral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh 2; 26, York Street, Manchester 1; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 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 Bill Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 7th May, 1937, at 1 o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the War Loan Acts, 1914-1919, to the amount of £35,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000 or £10,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 10th May, 1937, to Saturday, the 15th May, 1937, 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 required are 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.