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FRIDAY, 24 MAY, 1946

Westminster, 22nd May, 1946.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—

- Education Act, 1946.
- Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Act, 1946.
- Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act, 1946.
- North West Midlands Joint Electricity Authority Order Confirmation Act, 1946.
- Bucks Water Board Act, 1946.
- Newport (Isle of Wight) Corporation Act, 1946.
- Ecclesiastical Commissioners (Curate Grants) Measure, 1946.
- Clergy Pensions (Supplementary Pensions) Measure, 1946.
- Benefices (Suspension of Presentation) Measure, 1946.

Buckingham Palace.
24th May, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint the Lady Margaret Egerton to be a Lady in Waiting to the Princess Elizabeth.

The appointment to date from the 20th May, 1946.

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

24th May, 1946.

Notice is hereby given that in 1947 the date for the observance of the King's Birthday, both at home and abroad, will be Thursday, 12th June.

For the Customs and Excise Department, and the Officers and servants of the Dock Companies in England and Northern Ireland, the day appointed for the observance will be Saturday, 28th June, in lieu of the day notified above.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.
22nd May, 1946.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 14th day of May, 1946, to appoint:—

- The Right Honourable Clement Richard Attlee, C.H.,
- The Right Honourable Edward Hugh John Dalton,

Robert John Taylor, Esquire,
Joseph Henderson, Esquire,
Frank Collindridge, Esquire,
Charles James Simmons, Esquire, and
William Hannan, Esquire,
to be Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

Treasury Chambers, Great George Street,
London, S.W.1.

21st May, 1946.

"The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, at a Trial of the Pyx begun at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London on the 6th day of March and concluded on the 8th day of May, 1946, the following Verdict of the Pyx Jury was delivered to the King's Remembrancer, viz.:—"

TRIAL OF THE PYX OF THE LONDON MINT.

VERDICT.

We, whose names are hereunder written, having been sworn on the sixth day of March One thousand nine hundred and forty-six, before the King's Remembrancer, at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London, have made the assays and trials of His Majesty's silver coins in the Pyx of the Royal Mint in London, which, according to accounts produced by the officers of the Mint, were coined in the said Mint from the 1st day of January One thousand nine hundred and forty-five to the 31st day of December One thousand nine hundred and forty-five, both days inclusive. We found that there were no gold coins in the said Pyx. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us, and that such number corresponded with the number which the Officers of the Mint represented it to contain, and we took one coin from each of such packets of silver coins, making altogether 129 half-crowns, 131 Florins, 106 shillings, 104 sixpences, one fourpence, 7 threepences, 2 twopences and 1 penny. We then weighed each one pound troy weight (at its standard weight) of the coins so taken out and ascertained that the said coins so bulked were within the remedy as to weight prescribed by the Coinage Acts, 1870 to 1920. We then took for assay one pound troy (at its standard weight) of the coins so weighed comprising 11 half-crowns, 11 florins, 10 shillings, 10 sixpences, 1 fourpence, 3 threepences, 2 twopences and one penny, and we ascertained that the amount of variation from the standard weight allowed under the Coinage Acts 1870 to 1920 was, for such pound so taken for assay plus two thousandths (+ .002) of an ounce on the whole, and that, therefore, such pound troy of silver coins weighed and assayed as aforesaid was on the whole within the variation from standard weight so allowed. We then assayed separately the coins in the pound troy so taken for assay, comparing them with the Standard Trial Plate made