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Whitehall, January 28, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to direct the issue of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm to the following effect:—

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God of Great Britain Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING Defender of the Faith Emperor of India To all Archbishops Dukes Marquesses Earls Viscounts Bishops Barons Baronets Knights Citizens and Burgesses and all other Our faithful Subjects whatsover to whom these Presents shall come Greeting WHEREAS by section six of an Act passed in the first year of Our Reign intituled "The Regency Act 1937" it is amongst other things enacted that in the event of Our absence or intended absence from Our United Kingdom We may in order to prevent delay or difficulty in the despatch of public business by Letters Patent under the Great Seal delegate for the period of that absence to Counsellors of State such of the Royal functions as may subject to the exceptions provided in the said Act be specified in the Letters Patent AND WHEREAS it is Our intention to be absent from Our United Kingdom for the purpose of visiting Our Union of South Africa Our Colony of Southern Rhodesia and other territories in Africa forming parts of Our dominions or under Our protection AND WHEREAS the persons to whom Royal functions may by virtue of the said section as amended by an Act passed in the seventh year of Our Reign intituled "The Regency Act 1943" now be delegated by Us as Counsellors of State are Our Most dearly beloved Consort The Queen Our Most dearly beloved Daughter Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Our Most dear and entirely beloved Brother and Most faithful Counsellor His Royal Highness Prince Henry William Frederick Albert Duke of Gloucester Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick Great Master and Principal Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Knight Grand Cross

of the Royal Victorian Order Our Most dear and entirely beloved Sister Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order Dame Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Lady of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India and Our Most dear and entirely beloved Nephew George Henry Hubert Lascelles (commonly called Viscount Lascelles) AND WHEREAS Our Consort The Queen and The Princess Elizabeth intend to accompany Us during Our intended absence from the United Kingdom KNOW YE that We do hereby by virtue of the provisions of the said Acts except from among the number of Counsellors of State during the period of Our absence Our Consort The Queen and The Princess Elizabeth and delegate for that period to the following Counsellors of State that it is to say to The Duke of Gloucester The Princess Royal and Viscount Lascelles the Royal functions hereinafter specified to be exercised jointly by not less than two of their number subject to the condition that they shall not act in any matter or thing on which it is signified by Us or appears to them that Our special approval should previously be obtained and accordingly We do by these Presents delegate and grant unto the said Counsellors of State or any two of them full power and authority during the period of Our said absence to summon and hold on Our behalf Our Privy Council and to signify thereat Our approval of any matter or thing to which Our approval in Council is required and further to approve and sign on Our behalf commissions for signifying the Royal Assent to Acts of Parliament except an Act touching any of the matters for which provision is made in the Act of Settlement or touching Our Royal Style and Titles and to approve and sign on Our behalf any proclamation warrant fiat submission or other document requiring Our Signature which relates to the affairs of Our United Kingdom India Burma or any of Our Colonies or any Territories under Our protection or in which We have jurisdic-tion other than Colonies and Territories administered by Our Government in any Dominion within the meaning of the Statute of