

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 24th October, 1947, at 4 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 £170,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 27th October, 1947, to Saturday, the 1st November, 1947, 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.

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.

17th October, 1947.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby announce that They have made an Order under Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, entitled the Purchase Tax (Alteration of Rates) (No. 2) Order, 1947, reducing to 33½ per cent. the rate of Purchase Tax on those belts for personal wear at present chargeable with tax at the rate of 100 per cent, except those containing precious metals or semi-precious materials such as ivory and mother-of-pearl, and those "money belts" etc. of leather, hide or skin which are essentially receptacles.

The Order, which comes into operation on the 22nd October, 1947, has been published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1947, No. 2183, and may be purchased price 1d. net directly from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol, 1; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Foreign Office, 13th October, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to grant to John Black Grant, Esquire, unrestricted permission to wear the Special Rosette of the Order of the Cloud and Banner conferred upon him by the President of the National Government of the Republic of China in recognition of services rendered during the war.

Foreign Office, 13th October, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to grant to Captain Nevil Wilson Smith, master of the s.s. "Kingarth," unrestricted permission to wear the decoration of Chevalier of the Order of Orange Nassau, conferred

upon him by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, in recognition of services during the war.

Whereas by Article 4(2) of the China Order in Council 1943 (S.R. & O. 1943 No. 386) it is provided that the Secretary of State shall cause to be published in the London Gazette a notice of the date within six months of which every "China Company" (as defined in Article 3 of the China Order in Council 1925 (S.R. & O. 1925 No. 603, page 379)) which has not at the said date been registered in the manner provided in Article 4(1) of the China Order in Council 1943, shall be registered with the Registrar of Companies at Hong Kong and shall thereupon cease to have its registered office in China:

And whereas the occupation of Shanghai by the military forces of the Emperor of Japan has been terminated and a Consulate of His Majesty has been re-established at Shanghai and such provision as is necessary has been made by the law of the Colony of Hong Kong for the registration there of China companies, and for the application to such companies of the Companies Ordinances of the Colony:

Now therefore His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs gives notice that the said date shall be the 31st day of December, 1947.

Foreign Office, S.W.1.

13th October, 1947.

Buckingham Palace, 14th October, 1947.

This day had Audience of The KING:—

His Excellency Señor Doctor Don Juan Oropesa, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Señor Don Andres Rodriguez Azpurua, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United States of Venezuela.

Buckingham Palace, 15th October, 1947.

This day had Audience of The KING:—

His Excellency Señor Doctor Napoleon Solares Arias, to present his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Bolivia; and

His Excellency Monsieur Erik Boheman, to present his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Sweden.

Whitehall, October 17, 1947.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 15th instant, to appoint James Bowman, Esq., to be a Member of the Royal Commission on the Press, in the room of John Benstead, Esq., C.B.E., who has resigned.

Whitehall, October 17, 1947.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 14th instant, to nominate the Reverend John Maurice Key, M.A., Rector of Stoke Damerel and Rural Dean of Three Towns, to be Bishop Suffragan of Sherborne in the Diocese of Salisbury.

Whitehall, October 17, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Claude Reuben Grice, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Third Class (Civil Division) of the Order of Al Rafidain, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Iraq, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of Assistant Adviser to the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior.