

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Cardinal Archbishop, and the Archbishops and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, and representatives of the clergy and laity, Peers and Commoners, with humble duty approach Your Majesty to tender our loyal allegiance and to assure Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen of our lively satisfaction at the forthcoming marriage of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

By her gracious charm Her Royal Highness has long secured a firm place in the affection of the people of the nation. Since her entry into the public life of the country her unselfish devotion to duty and unflagging interest in the affairs of Your Majesty's subjects have won universal admiration and given an example worthy to be imitated.

The close association of Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten with the Royal Navy forges one more link between the Royal Family and the Service of which we are justly proud, and has not failed to stir the hearts of the nation.

We wish Her Royal Highness and her husband every happiness in their married life. May God strengthen and support them under the burden of their responsibilities. May He give them length of days filled with His richest blessings.

We assure Your Majesty of our continued prayers for you and the Queen and all the Members of the Royal Family. May God guide you and bless you, and unite your peoples in all parts of the earth in peace and prosperity.

+ Bernard, Cardinal Griffin.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

The Queen and I thank your Eminence for the warmth and loyalty of the Address of Congratulation upon the engagement of Princess Elizabeth which you have presented to me on behalf of my Roman Catholic Subjects in England and Wales.

The engagement of Our dear daughter has given us the greatest pleasure, which has been enhanced by the gratification with which it has been received by My people. I am glad to know that the members of your communion value so highly the services which Princess Elizabeth and her future husband have already rendered to our country, and that you earnestly pray every blessing and happiness for them in their married life.

I myself am ever mindful of the services of my Roman Catholic subjects to our cause during the war, and I am sure that I and my family may rely on your unfailing support in the years to come.

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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

18th November, 1947.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Order of Merit, to be dated 17th November, 1947:—

The Right Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G.

Crown Office, House of Lords.

14th November, 1947.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Rev. Hendrik Ralph Bakker, B.A., B.D., to the Vicarage of Tyldesley with Shakerley in the County of Lancaster and Diocese of Manchester void by the resignation of the last Incumbent and in His Majesty's Gift for this turn only by reason of the late avoidance of the See of Manchester.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

17th November, 1947.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 17th day of November, 1947, to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Richard Stafford Cripps, Knight, K.C., to be Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

17th November, 1947.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 17th day of November, 1947, to appoint:—

The Right Honourable Clement Richard Attlee, C.H.,
The Right Honourable Sir Richard Stafford Cripps,
Knight, K.C.,

Robert John Taylor, Esquire,

Joseph Henderson, Esquire,

Julian Ward Snow, Esquire,

Charles James Simmons, Esquire,

William Hannan, Esquire,

to be Lord Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

Buckingham Palace.

13th November, 1947.

This day had Audience of The KING:—

His Excellency Monsieur Istvan Bede, to present his Letters of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Hungary; and

His Excellency Monsieur Eero Aarne Wuori, to present his Letters of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Finland.

Foreign Office, November 11th, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission for the wearing by the under-mentioned persons of the decorations respectively indicated, conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Norway in recognition of services during the war:—

Order of St. Olav.

Commander.

Sir Aylmer Newton George Firebrace, C.B.E.,
R.N. (retd.).

Knight (1st Class).

Norman George Sidney Good, Esquire.

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

8, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

13th November, 1947.

In pursuance of Section 122 of the Factories Act, 1937, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Right Honourable George Isaacs, Minister of Labour and National Service, has been pleased to appoint:—

George Pollard,

Albert George Sill,

to be His Majesty's Inspectors of Factories.

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Factory Department,

8, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

11th November, 1947.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that an appointment as Examining Surgeon under the Factories Act, 1937, for the District of Beauilly in the County of Inverness is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications: 13th December, 1947.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that an appointment as Examining Surgeon under the Factories Act, 1937, for the District of Sleaford in the County of Lincoln is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications: 13th December, 1947.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that an appointment as Examining Surgeon under the Factories Act, 1937, for the District of Billisdon in the County of Leicester is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications: 13th December, 1947.

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Factory Department,

8, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

11th November, 1947.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. S. Cooper an appointment as Examining Surgeon under the Factories Act, 1937, for the District of Clitheroe in the County of Lancaster is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications: 13th December, 1947.