Commonwealth Relations Office, 23rd January, 1948.

The KING has approved the following retirements, relinquishments, etc.:

SPECIAL LIST (EX-ROYAL INDIAN NAVY). ROYAL NAVY.

'Capt. C. L. TURBETT, O.B.E., retires, 26th Dec. 1947.

SPECIAL LIST (EX-INDIAN ARMY).

British Army.

The undermentioned officers retire:-

Maj. G. Ross-Thompson (AI 653) on account of illhealth, 22nd Aug. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

rank of Lt.-Col.

Col. L. A. STUART, C.I.E., M.C., 4th Sept. 1947.

Lt.-Col. F. C. W. STEED (IA 588), 14th Sept. 1947.

Maj. D. Mac D. FIFE (AI 103), 17th Sept. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Col. R. MARTIN, O.B.E., M.C., 6th Dec. 1947.

Maj. G. T. J. GORRINGE (IA 804), 24th Dec. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Maj. G. D. GARFORTH-BLES (IA 998), 2nd Jan. 1948, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Capt. H. D. PARSONS-SMITH (IA 361), 5th Jan. 1948 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

Inth Jan. 1948.

Maj. C. J. B. LEAKEY, O.B.E. (IA 816) and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. Col. C. P. J. PRIOLEAU.

Col. J. J. PURVES, D.S.O., M.C.

Lt.-Col. R. H. H. SCOTT (AI 609).

Maj. A. J. W. SMART (AI 478) and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. Lt.-Col. G. L. TARVER (AI 750).

Lt.-Col. G. L. TARVER (AI 158). Lt.-Col. A. J. M. WILTON (IA 800). Col. C. E. WINDLE, O.B.E., M.C.

Lt.-Col. A. H. Woodhouse (IA 181).

IIth Jan. 1948.
Lt.-Col. F. G. T. Davis (766 IA).
Capt. (W/S Maj.) A. J. Oldham, D.S.O., M.C.
(IA 354) and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

12th Jan. 1948. Lt.-Col. R. A. Payne (IA 734). Lt.-Col. R. B. Seed (AI 773). Lt.-Col. J. G. Wainwright (509 IA).

13th Jan. 1948.
Col. B. S. SOWTON, O.B.E.
Col. D. STUART, C.B., C.I.E., O.B.E.

14th Jan. 1948. Lt.-Col. C. E. Gray (IA 102). Lt.-Col. J. D. Lunnon (IA 643). Lt.-Col. J. D. Sainter, M.C. (IA 548). Lt.-Col. H. H. Sperling (AI 466).

Lt.-Col. P. WARREN (IA 107), 15th Jan. 1948.

16th Jan. 1948.

Lt.-Col. R. P. Beamish (IA 569). Lt.-Col. A. A. Broomfield, O.B.E., M.C. (IA 626). Lt.-Col. C. M. St. A. Campbell (IA 276).

Lt.-Col. J. F. MARINDIN, D.S.O. (166 IA), 21st Jan.

The undermentioned War Subs. Capts. relinquish their communs. on re-enlistment in the ranks: H. Huffington (EC 7844), 3rd Nov. 1947. F. A. Allen (EC 6384), 1st Jan. 1948.

War Subs. Capt. W. J. GOODSIR-CULLEN (EC 1070)

relinquishes his commn., 24th Sept. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

War Subs. Capt. S. L. Roxburgh (EC 6480) is cashiered by sentence of a Gen. Court-Martial, 22nd

Nov. 1947. Departments.

The undermentioned officers retire: --

Lt. (A.C.) (W/S Capt. (D.C.)) E. W. STAVELEY (OS/122) on account of ill-health, 12th Sept. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.
Capt. (D.C.) (W/S Maj. (C)) E. F. CLARKE (OS/64), 5th Nov. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Lt. (A.C.) (W/S Maj. (C)) H. Deakes (ST/76), 17th Dec. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. Maj. (C) J. S. Hackworthy (MES-26/B), 4th Jan. 1948.

Capt. (D.C.) E. P. Taylor (ST/57), 16th Jan. 1948 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

Maj. (C) G. F. Hammond (MES-2/B) is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. on reversion to the retired list, 1st Sept. 1947.

Capt. (D.C.) H. W. Wenham (ST/22) is granted the hon. rank of Maj. on reversion to the retired list, 4th Jan. 1948.

The undermentioned officers retire:-

Lt.-Col. W. J. Shipsey (MZ/2998) on account of ill-health, 8th Nov. 1947 and is granted the hon. rank of Col.

Maj. O. WALKER (MZ/18542), 9th Jan. 1948 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Capt. (W/S Maj.) E. L. WILSON (MZ/17130), 11th Jan. 1948 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF REGULATIONS ENTITLED THE NATIONAL INSURANCE (DETERMINATION OF CLAIMS AND QUESTIONS) REGULATIONS, 1948.

In accordance with Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, the National Insurance Advisory Committee give notice that they have received from the Minister of National Insurance for consideration and report thereon the preliminary draft of regulations entitled the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations, 1948.

A short explanatory note on these regulations is

appended to this notice.

Copies of the preliminary draft of these regulations may be purchased directly (price 3d.) from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses: York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39-41, King Street, Manchester 2; 1, Saint Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chicester Street, Belfast;

or through any bookseller.

The Committee will take into consideration any objections made by or on behalf of persons affected by these regulations. Objections should be in writing and must state the portions of the preliminary draft which are objected to, the specific grounds of objection and the omisions, additions, or modifications asked for.

Objections must be sent before 20th February, 1948, and should be addressed to The Secretary, National Insurance Advisory Committee, 6, Curzon Street, London, W.I.

WILL SPENS, Chairman.

23rd January, 1948.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Regulations specify in Part II which questions arising under or in connection with the Act shall be determined by the Minister of National Insurance and which questions shall be determined Insurance and which questions shall be determined by an insurance officer, a local tribunal and the National Insurance Commissioner (hereafter in this Note referred to as "the statutory authorities"). The questions to be decided by the Minister relate mainly to contributions and the classification of insured persons, and the questions to be decided by the statutory authorities relate to right to benefits. Parts III and IV of the regulations prescribe the Parts III and IV of the regulations prescribe the manner in which questions shall be determined by the Minister and by the statutory authorities respectively.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES. LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930.

Rivers Dee and Clwyd Catchment Area.

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby gives notice that the Rivers Dee and Clwyd Catchment Board have made application under sub-section (3) of Section 5 of the Land Drainage Act, 1930, that the statutory map of the Catchment Area be varied so far as relates to the extent of the main river by the addition thereto of that loop of the Ffyddion Stream, approximately 60 chains in length,

Ffyddion Stream, approximately 60 chains in length, which passes through the disused Pentre Mill.

A plan on the six-inch scale on which the proposed addition is shown by a line in red colour may be inspected, together with a copy of the statutory map of the Catchment Area, at the office of the Clerk of the Catchment Board, 45, Nicholas Street, Chester, or at the offices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 23-25, Soho Square, London, W.I.

Any objection to the proposed variation of the statutory map shall be made in writing and sent by post, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Agri-