

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 29th day of September, 1949.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 26th day of September, 1949 (P.M. 5616/48), in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas, by Order in Council dated the 28th July, 1949, revised scales and conditions of award of retired pay, pensions and gratuities were laid down for Officers, Warrant (now known as 'Branch') Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Your Majesty's Royal Navy and Royal Marines:

"And whereas we are of opinion that provision should be made for the award of gratuities to Branch Officers and officers promoted therefrom, other than Branch Officers promoted direct to the General List, retiring voluntarily before qualifying for an award of retired pay, or pension on the ratings' scale.

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council, to sanction the regulations set forth in the annexed Schedule.

"The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified Their concurrence in these proposals.

"SCHEDULE

"*Branch Officers, Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and officers promoted therefrom, other than Branch Officers promoted direct to the General List, permitted to retire at their own request.*

"1. An officer permitted to retire voluntarily before completing 20 years' reckonable service may be granted a gratuity calculated on the following basis, subject to the completion of a minimum period of 10 years' actual service (from age 18):—

(a) *Rating service—*

For each year of reckonable service in excess of 5 years	£10
For each year of reckonable service in excess of 10 years	£25
Subject to a maximum gratuity for ratings' service of ...	£200

(b) *Officer service—*

For each year of reckonable service as Commissioned Officer, Branch List (formerly Warrant Officer)	£75
For each year of reckonable service as Senior Commissioned Officer, Branch List (formerly Commissioned Officer from Warrant Rank)	£100
For each year of service as Lieutenant or above, Branch List	£100

"2. An officer with sufficient service to qualify for an award of retired pay, or for an award of pension on the ratings' scale (with special rank increments for service as officer), will not be eligible for an alternative award of gratuity on the foregoing scale.

"3. Voluntary retirement with a gratuity on the foregoing scale will be allowable at the discretion of the Admiralty in exceptional circumstances only."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

Privy Council Office, 6th October, 1949.

His Majesty has been pleased to direct, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1908, that the Right Honourable Sir Alfred Henry Lionel Leach, lately Chief Justice of Madras, be a Member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Crown Office, House of Lords.

5th October, 1949.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Reverend Frank George Springford to the Vicarage of Stonehouse in the county of Gloucester and Diocese of Gloucester void by the cession of the last incumbent and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

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 14th October, 1949, at 1 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 £230,000,000.

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 17th October, 1949, to Saturday, the 22nd October, 1949, 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 are required 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,
7th October, 1949.

Whitehall, October 7, 1949.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 5th instant, to nominate the Reverend Anthony Otter, M.A., to be Bishop Suffragan of Grantham in the Diocese of Lincoln.

Whitehall, October 7, 1949.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 30th ultimo, to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmund Castell Bacon, Bt., O.B.E., T.D., to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the County of Norfolk, in the room of Thomas William, Earl of Leicester, deceased.

Whitehall, October 7, 1949.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 4th instant, to grant unto the Right Reverend David Colin Dunlop, M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Jarrow, Archdeacon of Auckland and Canon of Durham Cathedral, the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of Lincoln, void by the death of the Very Reverend Robert Andrew Mitchell, M.A., late Dean thereof.

Whitehall, October 7, 1949.

The KING has been pleased by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 1st instant, to appoint Arnold Edward Sewell, Esq., to be a permanent member of the Transport Tribunal for a period expiring on the 30th September, 1954.