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FRIDAY, 31 MARCH, 1950

Westminster, 30th March, 1950.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, to desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read, and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—*

Consolidated Fund Act, 1950.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
31st March, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Thomas William, Baron Burden, C.B.E., to be a Lord in Waiting to His Majesty in the room of the Right Honourable Robert Samuel Theodore, Baron Chorley, resigned.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

31st March, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

Leading Electrician's Mate Carl Christian ANDERSON, C/MX 745943.

On 8th August, 1949, during trials carried out on "S" Class submarines, H.M. Submarine SCEPTRE was damaged by an underwater explosion and became partially flooded and filled with chlorine gas. The submarine was hung from salvage wires with a depth of over 500 feet of water beneath her and was in danger of sinking if a sudden "flooding-up" and consequent parting of the lifting wires occurred.

Fully aware of the danger and knowing that if this happened he would undoubtedly lose his life, Leading Electrician's Mate Anderson volunteered to enter the submarine. Wearing a gas mask he entered the confined space and floundered through four feet of water, oil and wreckage in darkness which his torch did not penetrate. He reached the pump room and received repeated severe shocks, but persevering, he connected up the main ballast pump, opened all necessary valves and ran the pump, so giving the submarine the necessary buoyancy to float her and enable her to be taken away for examination.

It was undoubtedly due to Anderson's courage, skill and determination that the submarine was saved.

Crown Office, House of Lords.

27th March, 1950.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Reverend Christopher John Edward Spencer to the Rectory of Ohrist Church, Saint Marylebone, in the county of London and Diocese of London void by the cession of the last Incumbent and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of the two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty as authorises the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out Writs for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein provided, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes";

I do hereby nominate, appoint, and authorise—

The Right Honourable the Earl Winterton,
Captain the Right Honourable Harry Frederick Comfort Crookshank,
The Right Honourable Arthur Greenwood, C.H.,
Frederick Messer, Esquire, C.B.E., and
Ernest Thurtle, Esquire,

being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to execute all and singular the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, for issuing Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases as in the Act specified.

Given under my hand and Seal this twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

(L.S.)

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.

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 Thursday, the 6th April, 1950, 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 £240,000,000.

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 Tuesday, the 11th April, 1950, to Saturday, the 15th April, 1950, 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