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Buckingham Palace,
21st April, 1950.

The QUEEN has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mrs. John Mulholland to be a Woman of the Bedchamber to Her Majesty in the room of the Lady Delia Peel, C.V.O., resigned.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
21st April, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for outstanding devotion to duty when H.M. Submarine TRUCULENT was lost in a collision in the Thames Estuary on the 12th January, 1950:—

Bar to the British Empire Medal (Military Division).

Petty Officer Cook (S) Raymond Charles FRY, D.S.M., B.E.M., P/MX 52380.

Petty Officer Cook Fry was a member of the party which collected in the Engine-room immediately after the collision. When the Engine-room was flooded up preparatory to the escape from the compartment Petty Officer Cook Fry went up and vented the trunk; then he returned into the compartment and gave instructions to junior ratings on the use of their escape sets. He was then sent to open the escape hatch and was to return to report that all was clear. When, however, he unclipped the hatch it flew open and he was dragged out by an air bubble.

Petty Officer Cook Fry's conduct in exceptionally trying circumstances was most praiseworthy and his fine example and calm demeanour throughout had a steadying effect on the others present in the Engine-room.

British Empire Medal (Military Division).

Engine Room Artificer Second Class Leslie Francis STICKLAND, D/MX 56040.

At the moment of the collision, Engine Room Artificer Stickland went immediately to the Blowing Panel and, on his own initiative, blew No. 4 Port Tank to get the submarine upright and later No. 1 Port Tank to attempt to restore trim. Subsequently, under the First Lieutenant's orders he continued blowing tanks, appreciating, although he could not see his gauges, that additional groups of high pressure air would be required, and for which he gave the appropriate orders. He only finally abandoned his post on the direct orders of the First Lieutenant.

In all his actions Engine Room Artificer Stickland displayed cool and reasoned appreciation of the technical situation.

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 28th 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 Monday, the 1st May, 1950, to Saturday, the 6th May, 1950, inclusive, and will be due 91 days 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. Notification will be sent by post, on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part, and payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such 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.
21st April, 1950.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1926, exempting the following chemicals from Key Industry Duty for a period ending with the 30th June, 1950.

β-Aminopropionic acid.
Ethyl sulphate (an ethyl ester).
Potassium guaiaacolsulphonate.
Sodium fluosilicate.

R.Sorbitol.
Sorbitol synthetic.

The Order which comes into operation on the 22nd April, 1950, is entitled the Safeguarding of Industries (Exemption) (No. 5) Order, 1950, and is published as Statutory Instruments, 1950, No. 628.

Copies of the Order may be obtained (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.