

I warmly congratulate all who have been concerned with the planning and execution of it. The formidable difficulties which confronted them have been surmounted by their ingenuity, technical skill and powers of organisation.

It is a real pleasure to have an opportunity—so early in my reign—of visiting such a beautiful part of the Principality, and to see that the natural beauty of these Welsh hills has not been impaired by this vast work of modern engineering. I am pleased to note that the facing of the dam has been built in South Wales granite, the stone of the district, which blends and harmonises with the surrounding country. I look forward to seeing the other lakes which form part of this enterprise, after the glimpse which I had of them as I drove here this morning.

These waterworks are a fine work of conservancy. In this age of engineering and science, a large part of the world's resources are used for transient ends or devoted to purposes of destruction. But here in the Elan Valley we see the reverse. A great volume of water, which otherwise would largely run to waste, has been harnessed to serve the everyday needs of men and women in their homes. Nothing could give me and my husband greater pleasure than the knowledge that people are able to live in good houses with an adequate supply of water. I welcome, therefore, this immense addition to the water storage of the City of Birmingham, the benefits of which, I understand, my Lord Mayor, you are ready to share with your neighbours in the Midlands. This scheme will not only enhance the health and well-being of the citizens of Birmingham, but also assist its diverse industries, so important both to our present defence programme and to our export trade.

I am glad to know of the close and cordial relations which exist between Birmingham and the Welsh authorities concerned and to think that this dam will form another link between the neighbouring counties of Brecon and Radnor. It is fitting that, in such a setting, I should be greeted by a choir of Welsh people and I greatly appreciate their singing.

I feel that it is also a happy coincidence that the City of Birmingham should be represented here in the person of its first citizen by a Welsh-speaking Welshman.

I thank you, my Lord Mayor, for the kind terms of your loyal welcome to myself and my husband. In declaring open the Claerwen Reservoir, I congratulate you and all concerned with it on the completion of this great undertaking and express my hearty good wishes for its successful operation.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*24th October, 1952.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the Right Honourable George Herbert Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., to be a Permanent Lord in Waiting to Her Majesty.

The appointment to date from the 21st October, 1952.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

*24th October, 1952.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the Royal Victorian Chain upon The Right Honourable George Herbert Hyde, EARL OF CLARENDON, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. (to be dated 21st October, 1952).

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

*21st October, 1952.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 1st day of October, 1952, to appoint:—

Sir Eric St. John Bamford, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G.,  
Sir Edward Herbert Ritson, K.B.E., C.B.,  
Edgar William Verity, Esquire, C.B.,  
John Harold Evans, Esquire, C.B.,  
Arnold Sydney Whitehead, Esquire, C.B.E.,  
Joseph Robert McKenzie Willis, Esquire, C.B., C.M.G., and Ernest Roy Brookes, Esquire,

to be Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

#### TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her 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 31st October, 1952, 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 £220,000,000.

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 3rd November, 1952, to Saturday, the 8th November, 1952, 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 11.30 a.m.) 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 Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers.  
24th October, 1952.

*Buckingham Palace, 21st October, 1952.*

This day had Audience of The QUEEN:—

His Excellency Mr. Eliahu Elath, to present his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the State of Israel.

*Foreign Office, 23rd October, 1952.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the undermentioned to be Officers of Branch A of Her Majesty's Foreign Service, with effect from the dates respectively indicated:—

Richard Hanbury Hanbury-Tenison, Esquire (12th September, 1949);  
Henry Alexander Dudgeon, Esquire (28th September, 1949);  
Robert Alexander Farquharson, Esquire (1st October, 1949);  
Thomas Robert McKie Sewell, Esquire (1st October, 1949);  
Miss Rosamund Hawtrey Vere Benson (3rd October, 1949);  
Philip Louis Victor Mallet, Esquire (3rd October, 1949);  
John Fell Slater, Esquire (3rd October, 1949);  
Philip Francis De Zulueta, Esquire (13th October, 1949);  
Keith Hamylton Jones, Esquire (17th October, 1949);  
Stanley Matthew Black, Esquire (24th October, 1949);  
Edwin Francis George Maynard, Esquire (31st October, 1949);  
Christopher Thomas Ewart Ewart-Biggs, Esquire (22nd November, 1949);  
Miss Barbara Salt (9th December, 1949);  
Francis Robert MacGinnis, Esquire (12th December, 1949);  
John David Priestman, Esquire (12th December, 1949);  
Clive Martin Rose, Esquire (1st January, 1950);  
Paul William Jex Buxton, Esquire (2nd January, 1950);  
Paul Henderson Scott, Esquire (3rd April, 1950);  
Hugh Michael Carless, Esquire (17th April, 1950);  
John Lister Willis Price, Esquire (22nd September, 1950); and  
George Luen Merrells, Esquire (23rd October, 1950).