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TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1953

Clarence House, St. James's, S.W.1.

20th October, 1953.

QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER has been pleased to make the following appointments to Her Majesty's Household:—

Captain Oliver Payan Dawnay, C.V.O., Private Secretary, to be also Equerry to Her Majesty.

Charles Murray Kennedy St. Clair, Esquire, Master of Sinclair, M.V.O., to be Extra Equerry to Her Majesty.

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

19th October, 1953.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 14th October, 1953, to appoint His Honour Thomas Richardson, O.B.E., to be Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Northumberland in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that in pursuance of the powers conferred on Them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict. c. 51) as amended by the Public Works Loans Act, 1917 (7 and 8 Geo. 5 c. 32), the Public Works Loans Act, 1918 (8 and 9 Geo. 5 c. 27), the Housing Act, 1936 (26 Geo. 5 and 1 Edw. 8 c. 51) as amended by the Public Works Loans (No. 2) Act, 1946 (9 and 10 Geo. 6 c. 75), and the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925 (15 Geo. 5 c. 15) as amended by the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935 (25 and 26 Geo. 5 c. 41), They have directed by Their Minute of the 19th October, 1953, that on loans advanced otherwise than on the security of local rates from the Local Loans Fund, on and after the 20th October, 1953, there shall be chargeable in lieu of the rates fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 8th February, 1952, the following rates of interest:—

I

Loans to housing associations as defined by the Housing Act, 1936, and the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935:

For any period up to 50 years, 4 per cent.

II

Loans under the Housing Acts to companies and private persons, limiting their profits to the rate for the time being prescribed:

For any period up to 40 years, 4 per cent.

III

Loans under the Housing Acts to companies and private persons not limiting their profits as aforesaid:

For any period up to 40 years, 4½ per cent.

IV

Loans under the Harbours and Passing Tolls, etc., Act, 1861, with collateral security:

For any period up to 50 years, 4 per cent.

V

Loans under the Harbours and Passing Tolls, etc., Act, 1861, without collateral security:

For any period up to 50 years, 4½ per cent.

VI

All other Loans:

For any period, 4½ per cent.

Treasury Chambers,

19th October, 1953.

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NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that in pursuance of the powers conferred on Them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict. c. 51) They have directed by Their Minute of the 19th October, 1953, that on loans advanced to Local Authorities from the Local Loans Fund, on and after the 20th October, 1953, there shall be chargeable in lieu of the rates fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 8th February, 1952, the following rates of interest:—

Loans for not more than five years, 2½ per cent.

Loans for more than five years but not more than fifteen years, 3½ per cent.

Loans for more than fifteen years, 4 per cent.

Treasury Chambers,

19th October, 1953.

Buckingham Palace, 16th October, 1953.

This day had Audience of The QUEEN:—

His Excellency Monsieur Basile Mostras, to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Monsieur Léon V. Melas, and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of the Hellenes.

Whitehall, October 20, 1953.

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Panos Lanitis, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of the Belgians, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of honorary Consul of Belgium at Limassol, Cyprus.