

George Benjamin Thorneycroft, Esquire; and  
Barbara Frances Wootton, wife of George  
Percival Wright, Esquire,

Greeting!

WHEREAS We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to consider and to make recommendations on certain questions concerning the conditions of service of civil servants within the ambit of the Civil Service National Whitley Council, viz. :—

(a) Whether any changes are desirable in the principles which should govern pay; or in the rates of pay at present in force for the main categories—bearing in mind in this connexion the need for a suitable relationship between the pay of those categories;

(b) whether any changes are desirable in the hours of work, arrangements for overtime and remuneration for extra duty, and annual leave allowances;

(c) whether any changes are desirable within the framework of the existing superannuation scheme:

NOW KNOW YE that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you the said Sir Raymond Edward Priestley (Chairman); Diana Cicely, Countess of Albermarle; Sir George Robert Mowbray; Sir Alexander Gray; Frederick August Andrew Menzler; Hugh Lloyd Williams; Stephen France Burman; William Cash; Noel Frederick Hall; Willis Jackson; George Benjamin Thorneycroft and Barbara Frances Wootton to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry:

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any four or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; to call for information in writing; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid:

And We do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any four or more of you may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment:

And We do further ordain that you, or any four or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do:

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the Sixteenth day of November, 1953; In the Second Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

David Maxwell Fyfe.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON  
THE CIVIL SERVICE.

#### 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 27th November, 1953, 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 30th November, 1953, to Saturday, the 5th December, 1953, 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.

20th November, 1953.

*Whitehall, November 20, 1953.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 18th instant, to confer the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom upon Sir Rupert De la Bère of Crowborough in the County of Sussex, K.C.V.O., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

*Whitehall, November 20, 1953.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Harold Bellman, M.B.E., J.P., D.L., to be Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex in succession to the late Group Captain Alan Sydney Whitehorn Dore, C.B., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., to act for Her Majesty's Lieutenant during his absence from the County, sickness or other inability to act.

*Whitehall, November 20, 1953.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to award the King's Police and Fire Services Medal for Gallantry to the late Special Police Constable No. 7622 Musyoka Mbubi of the Kenya Special Police Force.

*Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1.*

19th November, 1953.

The appointment of Sir John Hall, G.C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., as a member of the Colonial Development Corporation has been extended for two years with effect from the 19th November, 1953.

*Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1.*

1st November, 1953.

Mr. Hubert Nutcombe Hume, C.B.E., M.C., appointed to be Deputy Chairman of the Colonial Development Corporation for 2 years as from the 1st of November, 1953, inclusive.

*Colonial Office, The Church House, S.W.1.*

13th November, 1953.

The QUEEN has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Philip Ernest Housden Pike, Esq., Solicitor General, to be of Her Majesty's Counsel for the Uganda Protectorate.

*Admiralty, 10th November, 1953.*

R.N.

Admiral The Hon. Sir Cyril E. DOUGLAS-PENNANT, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., retires. 15th Sept. 1953.

Vice-Admiral (Retd.) Sir Geoffrey HAWKINS, K.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., D.S.C., to be Admiral (Retd.). 22nd Oct. 1953.