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FRIDAY, 1 JANUARY, 1954

At the Court of Saint James, the 22nd day of December, 1953.

PRESENT,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.  
Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.  
Lord President. Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.  
Mr. Secretary Head. Commander Galbraith.

WHEREAS Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 20th day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, or any two or more of them, as Counsellors of State, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval of anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

And whereas there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 17th day of December, 1953 (N.C.W./N. 4494/53) in the words following, viz.:-

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions and other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"And whereas we consider it desirable that we should have discretion to grant facilities to any naval rating or royal marine other rank to be absent from duty to attend to urgent domestic affairs:

"We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased by Your Order in Council to approve that any naval rating or royal marine other rank may, at our discretion, be granted unpaid leave, such leave to be reckoned towards the completion of an engagement for a fixed period, but not for any other purpose, e.g., for pension, progressive pay, or award of badges."

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, have taken the said Memorial into consideration, and do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf, approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

W. G. Agnew.

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And whereas the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 9th day of December, 1953, in the words and figures following, that is to say:-

"We, the Church Commissioners, in pursuance of the Episcopal Endowments and Stipends Measure, 1943, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Amending Scheme, under the Seventh Section of that Measure for making certain alterations in the provisions of the following Orders in Council, that is to say:

"1. An Order in Council dated the 4th day of October, 1951 and published in the London Gazette on the 12th day of October, 1951 whereby provision is made for the vesting in the said Church Commissioners upon and from the 1st day of July, 1951 pursuant to the said Measure of all the endowments and other property belonging to the See of Chelmsford described and referred to in the said Order and for the payment by the said Church Commissioners to the Bishop for the time being of the See of an annual stipend comprising the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds out of which sum he shall defray all the expenses incurred by him in connection with the travelling required in and for the carrying out of his official duties and obligations as Bishop:

"2. The Orders in Council the respective dates of which are set out in the second column of the Schedule hereunder written and which were duly published in the London Gazette on the respective dates set out in the third column of the said Schedule whereby provision is made for the vesting in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England or the said Church Commissioners, as the case may be, pursuant to the said Measure upon and from the