

*Whitehall, January 29th, 1957.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Axel Johnsen, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II, 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 Vice-Consul of Belgium at Bathurst, Gambia.

*Whitehall, January 29th, 1957.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Miss Angèle Marjorie Vidal Hall, Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of les Palmes d'Officier d'Académie, which Decoration has been conferred upon her by the President of the French Republic, in recognition of valuable services rendered by her in the service of the Cultural Counsellor of the French Embassy in London.

*Whitehall, January 29th, 1957.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Superintendent Robert Arthur Clarke, M.B.E., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Order of Independence (Fourth Class), which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Libya, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the Tripolitanian Police Force as Superintendent of Tripoli Province.

*Scottish Home Department,  
St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, 1.*

*28th January, 1957.*

The QUEEN has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 28th January, 1957, to direct letters patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland appointing the Right Honourable Walter Elliot Elliot, C.H., M.C., M.P., to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland which is to meet on the 21st May next.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester and of the Cities and Counties of Gloucester and Bristol:—*

*On the 28th December, 1956*

Captain (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel) Edwin Percival Brassey, D.S.O., M.C.

Commander Athelstan Paul Bush, D.S.O., R.N. (ret'd).

Major (Honorary Colonel) Harold Arthur Guy, O.B.E., T.D.

Colonel Denys Theodore Hicks, O.B.E., T.D.

Captain (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Savile Hoole-Lowsley-Williams.

Brigadier Manley Angell James, V.C., D.S.O., M.C.

Captain (Honorary Major) Sir John Archdale Palmer, Bt.

Major (Honorary Colonel) Francis Seymour Williams, D.S.O., O.B.E.

*On the 19th January, 1957*

Captain (Honorary Major) The Lord Ashton of Hyde.

Lieutenant Huntly Macdonald Sinclair.

to be Deputy Lieutenants.—Dated the 22nd January, 1957.

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*Board of Trade.*

*Information Division.*

*Horseguards Avenue, Whitehall, S.W.1.*

*25th January, 1957.*

#### MINISTERS OF THE CROWN.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that the following Order in Council has been made:

The Transfer of Functions (Iron and Steel) Order, 1957 (S.I. 1957 No. 95) dated 24th January, 1957. Price 3d. by post 5d.

The above Order can be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. and branches, or through any bookseller.

#### BANKRUPTCY DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Trade announce that Mr. William Henry Meredith has been appointed Official Receiver for the Manchester Bankruptcy District and for the Bankruptcy District of the Courts at Hanley and Stoke-on-Trent, Crewe, Nantwich, Macclesfield, Stafford, Shrewsbury and Newtown. These appointments took effect from 21st January, 1957.

The Board of Trade announce that Mr. E. G. Harper has been appointed an Assistant Official Receiver for the Bankruptcy District of the County Courts of Ashton-under-Lyne and Stalybridge, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Stockport; also for the Bankruptcy District of the County Courts of Preston, Blackpool, Blackburn and Burnley. This appointment takes effect from 28th January, 1957.

Board of Trade,

Horse Guards Avenue,

Whitehall, S.W.1.

25th January, 1957.

*Civil Service Commission, 29th January, 1957.*

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury, viz. :—

REGULATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT (1) OF SCIENTIFIC OFFICERS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, (2) TO THE PATENT EXAMINER CLASS.

1. Both men and women may compete.

2. *Age.*

Candidates must have attained the age of 21 years during the year in which they apply to enter the competition and must not have passed their 28th birthday on the 1st January in that year. But

(1) A candidate who has served or is serving on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement in H.M. Forces may for this purpose deduct from his actual age the period of such service rendered before 1st January of the year in which the competition is held.

(2) The maximum age limit of 28 is extended to 31 for candidates who hold a permanent appointment in the Experimental Officer Class.

3. *Refund of Marriage Gratuity.*

Married women who have formerly been established civil servants and have drawn marriage gratuity (other than those who resigned compulsorily on marriage and whose resignation took effect before 15th October, 1946, or who are widows or divorced, or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid. Provided that this undertaking will not be required if the break between the first period of service (including any period of unestablished service immediately following the period in respect of which the gratuity was paid) and the date of re-establishment is more than seven years.

4. *Nationality.*

(1) To be eligible for appointment (other than to a situation in the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply) a candidate must be a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic and in addition satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) if he was a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth—

(i) at least one of his parents must be, or have been at death, a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic, or

(ii) the candidate must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of his appointment:

(b) if he was not a British subject, a British protected person or a citizen of the Irish Republic at birth, he must have resided in a country or territory within the Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown or partly have so resided and partly been so employed for at least five