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FRIDAY, 2 MAY, 1958

Westminster, 30th April, 1958.

This day the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, to desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read,* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—

National Health Service Contributions Act, 1958.
Life Peerages Act, 1958.
Road Transport Lighting (Amendment) Act, 1958.
Milford Haven Conservancy Act, 1958.
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Act, 1958.
Tyne Improvement Act, 1958.

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

29th April, 1958.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrants under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 28th day of April, 1958, to appoint Lieutenant Hilary Gwynne Talbot, and Major Nigel Francis Maltby Robinson, to be Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Derby, in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

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

29th April, 1958.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 28th day of April, 1958, to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Clare Bulger to be Deputy Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Gloucester in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

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

29th April, 1958.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 28th April, 1958, to appoint William Laurence Burn, Esquire, to be Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of Durham in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

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

1st May, 1958.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated the 1st day of May, 1958, to appoint Major Clive Stuart Saxon Burt, Q.C., to be a Metropolitan Magistrate.

Extract from a Treasury Circular.

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street, London, S.W.1.

9th January, 1958.

SIR,

CROWN COPYRIGHT.

1. I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to refer to the Copyright Act, 1956, which came into effect on 1st June, 1957, and which replaces the Copyright Act, 1911 (with the exception of certain provisions not directly relating to copyright). The new Act re-enacts in substance the provisions of the 1911 Act relating to Crown copyright and, in addition, contains certain new provisions relating to sound recordings and cinematograph films made by or under the direction or control of Her Majesty or of a Government Department. It also makes changes in the law relating to privately-owned copyright. Section 39 of the Copyright Act, 1956 deals with Crown copyright and replaces section 18 of the Copyright Act, 1911.

2. The practice to be followed with regard to Crown copyright was defined, following the Copyright Act, 1911, in a Treasury Minute dated 28th June, 1912. Although the Copyright Act, 1956, does not generally alter the position of Crown copyright, the increase in the volume and scope of official publications since 1912 and the development of new methods of reproduction make a restatement of policy on this subject desirable.

3. Crown copyright is vested by Royal letters patent in the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office and permission to reproduce from official material, published or unpublished, may be given only by him, or by Departments to whom delegated authority to deal with particular classes of applications has been given. Authority to permit reproduction from official films and certain photographs has been delegated by the Controller to the Central Office of Information. All applications for permission to reproduce official material not covered by a specific delegated authority should be referred to the Controller, who will normally consult the Department of origin of the material before authorising its use.

4. For copyright purposes, Government publications may be divided into the following classes:—

(1) Bills and Acts of Parliament, Statutory Rules and Orders and Statutory Instruments.