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ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS (EXCHANGE OF PATRONAGE) ACT 1853

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS ACT 1860

Notice is hereby given that Her Majesty in Council was pleased on the 26th March 1974, to make an Order in Council approving a Scheme framed by the Church Commissioners for effecting an exchange of an interest in the patronage of the benefice of Great and Little Cressingham with Threxton for an interest in the patronage of the benefice of Gillingham with Geldeston and Stockton, in the diocese of Norwich.

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TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under sections 1, 3 (6) and 13 (3) of the Import Duties Act 1958 as amended viz: The Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 3) Order 1974. This Order provides for exemptions from or reductions in import duty in the case of goods specified in the Schedule until the dates there specified.

There is exemption from import duties in the case of all goods in the Schedule if the goods satisfy the requisite conditions to benefit from the eventual abolition of customs duties in trade between member States of the European Communities.

In the case of other goods, where a rate of duty is shown in column 3 of the Schedule, duty is reduced to that rate instead of any higher rate which would otherwise apply.

In the case of goods originating in Egypt or Cyprus greater reductions in duty than those referred to above are available in some cases, such reductions being shown respectively in columns 4 and 5 of the Schedule.

The Order comes into operation on 27th March 1974 and has been published as Statutory Instrument 1974 No. 475.

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PREMIUM SAVINGS BONDS

Alteration in the Interest Rate

Introduction of

- (i) an increased monthly prize of £75,000
- (ii) a new monthly prize of £25,000
- (iii) an increased weekly prize of £50,000
- (iv) other changes in the prize structure.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury give notice in accordance with paragraph 15 of the Prospectus for Premium Savings Bonds (Series B) that, beginning with the July 1974 prize draws, the rate of interest specified in paragraph 5 of the Prospectus for determining the amount of the prize fund will be increased from 4½ per cent. to 5½ per cent.

Notice is also given in accordance with paragraph 15 of the said Prospectus that, beginning with the July 1974 prize draws,

- (a) the weekly prizes allotted in accordance with paragraph 6 will be varied so as to provide one prize of £50,000 and 25 prizes of £1,000 instead of one prize of £25,000 and 25 prizes of £1,000;
- (b) the monthly prize fund allocation set out in paragraph 10 (a) will be varied so as to provide for the setting aside for the weekly draws an amount to be allocated for one prize of £50,000 and 25 prizes of £1,000 each week;
- (c) for the allocation, as set out in paragraph 10 (b), of the remainder of the prize fund (after setting aside the amount required for the weekly draws) there will be substituted the following allocation:
 - (i) a single prize of £75,000

(ii) a single prize of £25,000

(iii) of the remainder, each complete £100,000 will be divided into:

- 1 prize of £5,000
- 10 prizes of £1,000
- 10 prizes of £500
- 25 prizes of £100
- 850 prizes of £50
- 1,400 prizes of £25.

(iv) of the remainder, each complete £10,000 will be divided into:

- 1 prize of £1,000
- 1 prize of £500
- 10 prizes of £100
- 80 prizes of £50
- 140 prizes of £25

(v) any amount of less than £1,000 will be allocated as at present specified in prizes of £25, any residual sum of less than £25 being added to the prize fund in the following month.

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under section 99 of the Friendly Societies Act 1896 viz: The Friendly Societies (Amendment) Regulations 1974.

These Regulations amend the Friendly Society Regulations 1897. They increase from 75p to 82p the sum payable to the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies to defray the expense of publication in the *Gazette* of certain notices.

The Order comes into operation on 1st April 1974 and has been published as Statutory Instrument 1974 No. 474.

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DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT

THE COUNTER INFLATION ACT 1973

The Secretary of State for Employment in exercise of his powers under paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Counter Inflation Act 1973 has given the following consent in the matter of the remuneration of certain employees in the coal mining industry.

Whereas the Pay Board are considering whether to exercise their powers under section 7 of the Counter Inflation Act 1973 to restrict the remuneration of the employees to whom the increases described in Schedule 1 are applicable, being employees of the National Coal Board and of the other bodies described in Schedule 2:

And Whereas after consultation with the Pay Board, the Secretary of State is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances which justify intervention by him:

Now Therefore the Secretary of State in exercise of his power under paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Counter Inflation Act 1973 hereby gives his consent to the implementation of the proposed increases in remuneration and other improvements in terms and conditions of employment described in Schedule 1.

Michael Foot, Secretary of State for Employment.
21st March 1974.

SCHEDULE 1

Description of Increases

1. Increases in remuneration and other improvements in terms and conditions of employment pursuant to a settlement reached at the meeting of the Joint National Negotiating Committee for the Coal Mining Industry held on 6th March 1974 and set out in the following:

- (i) letter with enclosures thereto dated 7th March 1974 from Mr. G. C. Shephard to Mr. L. Daly, relating to mineworkers;
- (ii) letter with enclosures thereto dated 7th March 1974 from Mr. G. Essame to Mr. L. D. Story, relating to clerical and junior administrative staff;
- (iii) two letters with enclosures thereto both dated 13th March 1974 from Mr. G. C. Shephard to Mr. L. Daly relating to cokeworkers and to weekly paid industrial staff respectively.

2. Increases in remuneration and other improvements in terms and conditions of employment set out in the letter