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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to her Majesty in Council by King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, Sister Agnes Founder, praying for the grant of a Supplemental Charter. Her Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Privy Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before 13th June next.

(2 SI)

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by John Evans Esquire, and others praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the Council for British Archaeology. Her Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Privy Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before 4th July next.

(3 SI)

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council by the British Association for Commercial and Industrial Education, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation; Her Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Privy Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before 4th July next.

(4 SI)

BURIAL ACT 1853

Notice is hereby given that representations have been made to Her Majesty in Council by the Secretary of State for the Environment that burials should be discontinued in the following places of burial and that Her Majesty in Council has been pleased to order that such representations be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Privy Council on 27th June 1980:

1. St. Mary the Virgin's Churchyard, Hemingborough, North Yorkshire.
2. St. Mary the Virgin's Churchyard, Goldington, Bedfordshire.

(1 SI)

TREASURY

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, a Trial of the Pyx begun at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London on the 14th day

of February 1980 and concluded on the 2nd day of May 1980 the following verdict of the Pyx Jury was delivered to the Queen's Remembrancer, viz:

TRIAL OF THE PYX 1980 VERDICT

1. We, the undersigned, were duly sworn on the 14th February 1980 before the Queen's Remembrancer at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London to assay gold, silver Maundy and cupro-nickel coins of Her Majesty, which were produced to us by officers of the Royal Mint. Accounts of the Deputy Master and Controller of the Royal Mint were similarly produced to us and showed that the coins had been made by the Royal Mint between the 1st January 1979 and the 31st December 1979 inclusive in accordance with the Coinage Act 1971, a Proclamation made on the 20th December 1968 relating to coins of fifty new pence and Proclamations made on the 23rd October 1972 and the 15th December 1976 relating to coins of twenty-five new pence. Those accounts also showed that the coins had been set aside for the trial of the Pyx as prescribed by the Trial of the Pyx Order 1975.

2. In this verdict any reference to the permitted variation from standard weight, fineness, composition or diameter is to such variation from the standard weight, fineness, composition or diameter as is allowed by the Coinage Act 1971 and the Proclamations made on the 20th December 1968, the 23rd October 1972 and the 15th December 1976.

3. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that it corresponded with the number which the officers of the Royal Mint represented the packet to contain.

4. Gold Coins

(a) We took out from each of the one hundred and forty-nine packets of gold coins one sovereign.

(b) We weighed in bulk the sovereigns taken out and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the amount of the variation being point nought three (+.03) of a gram above standard weight.

(c) We then melted those sovereigns into an ingot and assayed it, comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold produced to us by officers of the Legal Metrology Branch of the Department of Trade, and we found that the ingot was within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the amount of the variation being point nought three (-0.03) parts per thousand below standard fineness.

(d) We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of gold coins and ascertained that they were