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A PROCLAMATION

BY THE QUEEN

APPOINTING THURSDAY, 1st JANUARY 1998, AND MONDAY, 4th MAY 1998, AS BANK HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND APPOINTING FRIDAY, 26th DECEMBER 1997, AND MONDAY, 25th MAY 1998, AS BANK HOLIDAYS IN SCOTLAND.

CHARLES P.

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 18th day of June 1997, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them 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 approve and sign on Her Majesty's behalf any Proclamation relating to the affairs of the United Kingdom:

And Whereas Her Majesty considers it desirable that Thursday, the first day of January and Monday, the fourth day of May in the year 1998 should be bank holidays in England, Wales and Northern Ireland:

And Whereas Her Majesty considers it desirable that Friday, the twenty-sixth day of December in the year 1997 and Monday, the twenty-fifth day of May in the year 1998 should be bank holidays in Scotland:

We, therefore, His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, and His Royal Highness The Prince Andrew, Duke of York, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent and in pursuance of the powers conferred on Her Majesty by section 1(3) of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971, do, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf hereby appoint Thursday, the first day of January and Monday, the fourth day of May in the year 1998 to be bank holidays in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and Friday, the twenty-sixth day of December in the year 1997 and Monday, the twenty-fifth day of May in the year 1998 to be bank holidays in Scotland.

Given at the Court of Saint James's this twenty-sixth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven and in the forty-sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court of Saint James's the 26th day of June 1997

Present,

THE COUNSELLORS OF STATE IN COUNCIL

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 18th day of June 1997, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them 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 for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

It is this day ordered by His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, and His Royal Highness The Prince Andrew, Duke of York, on Her Majesty's behalf that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain do cause the Great Seal of the Realm to be affixed to a Proclamation of this day's date, appointing certain days in the years 1997 and 1998 as bank holidays under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.

(7 SI) N. H. Nicholls

WELSH OFFICE

Y SWYDDFA GYMREIG

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The A470 Trunk Road (Abercanaid-Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil) (Prohibition of Pedestrians, Clearway and De-Restriction) Orders 1997.

Notice is hereby given that on 9th July 1997, the Secretary of State made the above Orders which will come into operation on 18th July 1997. The effect of the Orders is as stated in notice 741 in *The London Gazette* No. 54786 dated 6th June 1997.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the prohibition of pedestrians and clearway Orders or of any of their provisions on the grounds that they are not within the powers of the relevant section of the Act or that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under it has not been complied with, may, within 6 weeks of 18th July 1997, apply to the High Court for this purpose.