

*Downing Street, 16th May, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Maurice O'Sullivan, Esq., who has served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of the State of New South Wales.

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 26th instant, to confer the dignity of a Viscounty of the United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Frederick Alexander, Baron Cherwell, C.H., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of VISCOUNT CHERWELL, of Oxford in the County of Oxford.

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 22nd instant, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned gentlemen:—

Chau Tsun-nin, C.B.E.  
Guy Wilmot McLintock Henderson, Esq., Q.C.,  
Chief Justice, Bahamas.  
Commander (S) Robert Gillman Allen Jackson,  
C.M.G., O.B.E.

[Her Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on the 31st May, 1956.]

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 25th instant, to appoint the Reverend Neville Charles Wood Brooks to the Living of Kimblesworth in the County and Diocese of Durham, vacant by the cession of the Reverend Leslie Hodgson Cumberland, B.A.

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Sir John William Cox, C.B.E., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the decoration of Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau, which has been conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of honorary Vice-Consul of the Netherlands at Hamilton, Bermuda.

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Alfred Nigel Barton Birch, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the decoration of Chevalier of the Order of Orange Nassau, which has been conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of honorary Consul of the Netherlands at Portsmouth.

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto David J. Parker, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the decoration of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold, which 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 Consul of Belgium at Kingston-upon-Hull.

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Elie John Bisson, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the decoration of Chevalier of the Order of the Crown, which 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 St. Helier.

*Whitehall, June 29, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto Harry Churchill Reynolds, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the decoration of Chevalier of the Order of the Crown, which 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 Consul of Belgium at Gibraltar.

*Colonial Office,  
The Church House,  
Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.*

*22nd June, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to appoint Sir Kenneth William Blackburne, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Leeward Islands with effect from the 1st July, 1956.

*Colonial Office,  
The Church House,  
Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.*

*20th June, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent dated the 20th June, 1956, to re-constitute the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Leeward Islands.

*Scottish Home Department,  
St. Andrews House, Edinburgh, 1.*

*28th June, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 25th June, 1956, to appoint Frederick Henry Stewart, Esquire, B.Sc., Ph.D., at present Lecturer in Geology in the University of Durham, to be Regius Professor of Geology in the University of Edinburgh, in place of Professor Arthur Holmes, whose resignation will take effect on 30th September, 1956.

*Admiralty, 22nd June, 1956.*

*R.N.*

Actg. Capt. (Retd.) P. BETHELL, to be Capt. (Retd.) with seny. 1st July 1954.

Cdrs. retire on dates stated:—

C. H. HOLMES, O.B.E. 18th Mar. 1956.

C. R. S. FARQUHAR, O.B.E. 9th Apr. 1956.

C. W. S. DREYER, D.S.O., D.S.C. and Bar. 12th Apr. 1956.

R. W. D. THOMSON, D.S.C. 25th Feb. 1956.

P. M. LATHAM. 8th Feb. 1956.

E. D. WEBB. 25th Mar. 1956.

A. A. BROWNE. 7th Apr. 1956.

A. C. R. DUVAL. 20th Apr. 1956.

Cdr. (L) R. A. REID, retires. 12th Apr. 1956.

Instr. Cdr. D. K. McCLEERY, M.Sc., M.I.E.E., retires. 27th Mar. 1956.

Surgn. Cdr. W. G. C. FITZPATRICK, L.R.C.P. and S., retires. 9th Apr. 1956.

Rev. C. O. A. DARBY, O.B.E., Chapln., retires. 1st Feb. 1956.

Lt.-Cdrs. retire on dates stated:—

B. R. H. WARD, O.B.E. 4th Apr. 1956.

A. G. HAMILTON, D.S.C. 3rd Feb. 1956.

The Hon. J. D. HOTHAM, D.S.C. 19th Apr. 1956.

L. S. M. WALKER, A.M.I.Mech.E. 12th Jan. 1956.

D. C. S. CURREY. 17th Jan. 1956.

I. D. G. GRAHAM. 1st Feb. 1956.

A. TYSON. 23rd Feb. 1956.

T. J. LYNN. 24th Feb. 1956.

P. M. WHATLEY. 9th Apr. 1956.

Lt.-Cdrs. placed on Emery. List on dates stated:—

C. G. HURST, D.S.C. 21st Mar. 1956.

A. K. MARTIENSSSEN. 16th Mar. 1956.

J. K. MOXEY, A. S. WADE, H. J. WESTWOOD. 21st Mar. 1956.

N. DAVIES. 25th Mar. 1956.

Lt.-Cdr. (A/E) R. C. PEARSON, R.N.V.R., reverts to Emery. List in rank of Lt.-Cdr. (E) (Retd.). 31st Dec. 1955.