STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 622

CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY

The Crown Office (Commissions of the Peace and Royal Proclamations) Rules 1975

Made - - - -	16*th April* 1975
Laid before Parliament	23*rd April* 1975
Coming into Operation	1*st May* 1975

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 16th day of April 1975

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 3 of the Crown Office Act 1877(a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Crown Office (Commissions of the Peace and Royal Proclamations) Rules 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1975.

2. The forms set forth in the Schedule to these Rules shall be used for commissions of the peace for districts and islands areas in Scotland, issued after the coming into operation of these Rules and to take effect on or after 16th May 1975.

3. There is substituted for Rule 7 in the Schedule to the Order in Council made on the 22nd day of February 1878(b), as amended by the Order in Council made on the 28th day of July 1916(c), a new Rule as follows:—

"7. It shall be sufficient for royal proclamations to be published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes respectively; but if the Lord President of the Council thinks it expedient, he may direct that copies of such proclamations shall in addition be sent to such High Sheriffs, Sheriffs, Lord Mayors and Mayors in England and Wales and to such Sheriffs Principal in Scotland as he thinks fit and the contents of such proclamations shall thereupon be made known in the manner accustomed".

4. Rule 1 in the Schedule to the Order in Council made on the 22nd day of February 1878(b), rule 3 in the said Schedule and the Order in Council made on the 28th day of July 1916(c) are hereby revoked without prejudice to the validity or effect of any commission of the peace or royal proclamation issued or published in accordance with any of the provisions thereof.

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(a) 1877 c. 41. (b) Rev. III, p. 1009.
(c) S. R. & O. 1916/550 (Rev. III, p. 1009: 1916 I, p. 76).

Article 2

SCHEDULE

Form of Commission of the Peace

1. Districts in Scotland

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To all such persons as may from time to time hold office as justices of the peace for Our District of

GREETING Know ye that you are and each of you is by these Presents assigned to keep Our peace in Our said district and to keep and cause to be kept in all points in Our said district the rules of law and enactments from time to time obtaining for the good of Our peace and for the preservation of the same and for the quiet rule and government of Our people And to deal according to law with all persons that offend against any of those rules of law or enactments And also to cause to come before you and to deal according to law with all persons against whom anything is alleged giving just cause under any rule of law or enactment for the time being in force why they should find security to keep the peace or be of good behavour towards Us and Our people And to exercise all such other jurisdiction and powers as by any rule of law or enactment may from time to time belong to justices of the peace And, therefore We command you and each of you that you diligently apply yourselves in Our said district to the keeping of Our peace and of the rules of law and enactments aforesaid and to the other matters hereinbefore mentioned doing therein what to justice appertains according to law

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent

WITNESS Ourself at Westminster the day of in the year of Our Reign

2. Islands Areas in Scotland

The same form of commission of the peace as set forth in paragraph 1 shall be used for the islands areas in Scotland except that for any reference to the district there shall be substituted a reference to the islands area.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules prescribe a new form of Commission of the Peace for the districts and islands areas in Scotland, worded so as to take advantage of the powers conferred by the District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975 (c.20) to issue commissions generally, and not by name, to all persons who may from time to time hold office as justices by virtue of an appointment made by the Secretary of State in the name of Her Majesty and on Her behalf. The Rules also provide for the publication of Royal Proclamations to take account of the changes made in the organisation of local government.

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