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CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY

The Crown Office (Commissions of the Peace) Rules 1973

Made - - -	12*th December* 1973
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Coming into Operation	1*st February* 1974

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of December 1973

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) Rules 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1974.

2. The forms set forth in the Schedule to these Rules shall be used for commissions of the peace under the Great Seal for counties in England and Wales, for the areas of Greater London and for the City of London respectively, being commissions issued after the coming into operation of these Rules and to take effect on or after 1st April 1974.

3. Rule 1 in the Schedule to the Order in Council made on the 22nd day of February 1878(**b**), so far as it applies to England and Wales, rule 4 in the said Schedule and the Crown Office (Commissions of the Peace) Rules 1969(**c**) are hereby revoked but without prejudice to the validity or effect of any commission of the peace issued in accordance with the provisions thereof.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE Article 2

Form of Commission of the Peace

1. Counties of England and Wales.

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

(a) 1877 c.41. (b) Rev. III, p. 1009. (c) S.I. 1969/1070 (1969 II, p.3138).

may from time to time hold office as justices of the peace for Our County of

GREETING Know ye that you are and each of you is by these Presents assigned to keep Our peace in Our said county and to keep and cause to be kept in all points in Our said county 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 behaviour 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 county 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. The areas of Greater London.

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

3. The City of London.

The same form of commission of the peace as set forth in paragraph 1 shall be used for the City of London except that

(*a*) the commission shall be addressed "To the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London now and for the time being who are by virtue of the Charter granted by his late Majesty King George the Second dated the twenty-fifth day of August 1741 a justice and justices of the peace within the City and to all such other persons as may from time to time hold office as justices of the peace for the City of London"; and

(*b*) for any reference to the county there shall be substituted a reference to the City.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules.*)

These Rules prescribe a new form of Commission of the Peace for the counties of England and Wales, for the areas of Greater London and for the City of London, worded so as to take advantage of the power conferred by the Administration of Justice Act 1973 (c.15) 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 Lord Chancellor or by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the name of Her Majesty and on Her behalf.

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