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G. G. O. No. N. 59/53.

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord SOULBURY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Ceylon and its Dependencies.

Seal.

SOULBURY.

To ARTHUR REGINALD HENRY CANEKERATNE, Esquire, Q.C., LL.B.

Greetings:

BY virtue of the powers in me vested by section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, No. 17 of 1948, I, Herwald, Baron Soulbury, Governor-General, do by these presents revoke the Warrant dated March 5, 1953, appointing you to be my Commissioner for the purposes specified in that Warrant.

Given at Kandy under the Seal of this Island, this Fifteenth day of March, One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-three.

By His Excellency's command,
A. J. D. ROSE,
Acting Secretary to the Governor-General.

L. D.—B. 65/44.

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To ARTHUR REGINALD HENRY CANEKERATNE, Esquire, Q.C., LL.B.

Greetings:

WHEREAS it appears to me to be necessary to appoint a Commission for the purposes hereinafter mentioned:

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Now, therefore, I, Herwald, Baron Soulbury, Governor-General, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do in pursuance of the provisions of section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, No. 17 of 1948, by these presents appoint you to be my Commissioner for the following purposes, that is to say—

(1) To hold an inquiry and obtain information as to whether any member of the Public Service or any officer or employee of any public institution, by making any disclosure of any document or the contents of any document or of any information, or by any other act or omission, directly or indirectly assisted in or facilitated or otherwise rendered possible the publication of the following reports or any of them:—

(i) the report in the Times of Ceylon of February 19, 1953, that "On the agenda of the Cabinet today is a proposal for the abolition or reduction of food subsidies in view of the present financial crisis";

(ii) the report in the Times of Ceylon of February 19, 1953, that "A MEMORANDUM submitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs for a reduction in the price of arrack is now before the Cabinet" and that "the proposal is to bring the price down to about Rs. 12 for special arrack and Rs. 8 for ordinary arrack";

(2) If any person referred to in paragraph-(1) is found by you to be guilty of any such disclosure, act or omission as aforesaid, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances of such disclosure, act or omission, including the question whether he did demand, accept or receive directly or indirectly for himself or for any other person any fee, reward, gratification or advantage for or in respect of or on account of such disclosure, act or omission, and the question whether any person did offer or give directly or indirectly to any person referred to in paragraph-(1) or to any other person any fee, reward, gratification or advantage for or in respect of or on account of such disclosure, act or omission.

And I do hereby authorise and empower you, the said Commissioner, to hold all such inquiries and make all such investigations into the aforesaid matters as may appear to you to be necessary, and require you to transmit to me, as early as possible, a report thereon under your hand.

And I do hereby direct that such part of any inquiry relating to the aforesaid matters as you may in your discretion determine shall not be held in public.

And I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons, to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purposes of your inquiries and investigations to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may properly be rendered and furnished in that behalf.

Given at Kandy under the Seal of this Island, this Fifteenth day of March, One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-three.

By His Excellency's command,

A. J. D. ROSE,
Acting Secretary to the Governor-General.