



Civil List Act 1952

1952 CHAPTER 37 15 and 16 Geo 6 and 1 Eliz 2

An Act to make provision for the honour and dignity of the Crown and the Royal Family, as to the disposal in certain circumstances of revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, and for the payment of certain allowances and pensions. [1st August 1952]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Whereas Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify to Your faithful Commons in Parliament assembled that Your Majesty placed unreservedly at their disposal those hereditary revenues which were so placed by Your Predecessor, and that Your Majesty is desirous that provision should be made for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and for Your Majesty's children other than His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, and that provision should be made for Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret in the event of her marrying and for any future wife of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall in the event of her surviving his Royal Highness:

And whereas Your Majesty has further been graciously pleased to signify Your Majesty's intention to assent to arrangements for applying, during the minority of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, a part of the revenues of the Duchy in relief of the charge for Your Majesty's Civil List, and, in the event of those revenues vesting in Your Majesty, to provide for Your Majesty's Civil List out of those revenues in so far as they are sufficient:

And whereas it is expedient, forasmuch as it is happily to be expected that Your Majesty's reign will last for many years, to make provision under which so much of the sum charged for Your Majesty's Civil List as is not required for current expenditure will be set aside and accumulated in the hands of trustees so as to be applicable for meeting expenditure in later years, and it is expedient to reserve for the future determination of Parliament to what extent and by what means sums remaining in the hands of the trustees at the end of Your Majesty's reign should be available for making provision for members of Your Majesty's family other than those for whom provision is made by this Act corresponding to that which Your Predecessors have been accustomed to make out of savings accruing to the Sovereign's Privy Purse:

1 Payment of hereditary revenues to the Exchequer.

[^{F1}(1) Subject to subsection (2) below,] the hereditary revenues which were by section one of the ^{M1}Civil List Act 1937 directed to be carried to and made part of the Consolidated

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Fund shall, [^{F2}while section 1 of the Sovereign Grant Act 2011 is in force], be paid into the Exchequer and be made part of the Consolidated Fund.

[^{F3}(2) In relation to Scotland, the hereditary revenues of the Crown from *bona vacantia*, *ultimus haeres* and treasure trove [^{F4}and from the property, rights and interests the management of which is transferred by the scheme under section 90B of the Scotland Act 1998] shall be paid into the Scottish Consolidated Fund.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1 inserted (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1820, arts. 1(2), 4, **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 26(a)**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**
- F2** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (1.4.2012) by Sovereign Grant Act 2011 (c. 15), ss. 15(1), **16(4)**
- F3** S. 1(2) inserted (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1820, arts. 1(2), 4, **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 26(b)**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**
- F4** Words in s. 1(2) inserted (coming into force in accordance with s. 72(2) of the amending Act) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), **ss. 36(13), 72(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1 excluded by Crown Agents Act 1979 (c. 43, SIF 57), **s. 28(1)**
S. 1 extended (E.W. & N.I.) (24.9.1997) by 1996 c. 24, **s. 6(1)**; S.I. 1997/1977, **art. 2**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1937 c. 32.

^{F5}2 Annual payment for the Queen's Civil List.

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Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 2 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of Sovereign Grant Act 2011 (c. 15), s. 15(1), **Sch. 1 para. 10**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Unreliable marginal note

3 Provision for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

There shall be paid to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh during his life the yearly sum of [^{F6}£359,000].

Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 3 amended by S.I. 1990/2018, **art. 4** and amount substituted by virtue of that art.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Power to increase sums mentioned in s. 3 conferred by Civil List Act 1972 (c. 7), **s. 6(1)**
- C4** S. 3 amendments made by virtue of 1972 c. 7, s. 6 continued (1.4.2012) by Sovereign Grant Act 2011 (c. 15), s. 15(1), **Sch. 2 para. 8**

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F74 Provision for Her Majesty's younger children.

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 4 repealed (1.4.2012) by [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 10, 15(1)** (with Sch. 2 para. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 Power to increase sums mentioned in s. 4 conferred by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), **s. 6(1)**

F85 Provision for Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret in the event of her marriage.

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Textual Amendments

F8 S. 5 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), **Sch. 1 para. 11**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 Power to increase sum mentioned in s. 5 conferred by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), **s. 6(1)**

F96 Provision for widow of the Duke of Cornwall.

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Textual Amendments

F9 S. 6 repealed (1.4.2012) by [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 10, 15(1)** (with Sch. 2 para. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C7 Power to increase sum mentioned in s. 6 conferred by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), **s. 6(1)**

7 Payments by Treasury in respect of retired allowances.

[^{F10}(1) The Treasury may undertake the payment of any retired allowances granted, [^{F11}in accordance with subsection (1A)] (including retired allowances taking account of previous employment), or of any sums so granted in order to enhance superannuation benefits to be derived from later employment.]

[^{F12}(1A) A retired allowance or sum is granted in accordance with this subsection if—

- (a) it is granted by Her Majesty to or in respect of a person who has been a member of the Royal Household, and
- (b) it is granted on scales and in accordance with conditions approved from time to time by the Treasury.]

(2) The Treasury may also undertake the payment of such as they may determine of any retired allowances granted by His late Majesty otherwise than as mentioned in section

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eleven of the ^{M2}Civil List Act 1937 to or in respect of persons who have been members of the Royal Household.

Textual Amendments

- F10** S. 7(1) substituted by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\), s. 4\(2\)](#)
- F11** Words in s. 7(1) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\), s. 15\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 12\(2\)](#)
- F12** S. 7(1A) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\), s. 15\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 12\(3\)](#)

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1937 c. 32.

8 Charge of payments under this Act.

The sums required under this Act for ^{F13}... for the provision for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, ^{F14}... and for the payment of retired allowances payable by the Treasury under this Act ^{F15}... shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund . . . ^{F16}, and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct ^{F17}....

Textual Amendments

- F13** Words in s. 8 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\), s. 15\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 13\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)](#))
- F14** Words in s. 8 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\), s. 15\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 13\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)](#))
- F15** Words in s. 8 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\), s. 15\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 13\(c\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)](#))
- F16** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1963 \(c. 30\)](#)
- F17** Words in s. 8 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\), s. 15\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 13\(d\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)](#))

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Textual Amendments

- F18** S. 9 repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\), Sch.](#) except as to payments for 1971 or any earlier year.

10 Constitution of Royal Trustees.

The persons who are for the time being the First Commissioner of Her Majesty’s Treasury, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Keeper of Her Majesty’s Privy Purse shall be the Royal Trustees ^{F19}..., and shall be a body corporate by that name, and any act of the trustees may be signified under the hands and seals of the persons who are the trustees for the time being.

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Textual Amendments

F19 Words in s. 10 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 14](#)

F20 **11 Meaning of “net revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall”.**

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Textual Amendments

F20 [S. 11](#) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 15](#)

12 Adjustments in respect of parts of years.

Where any of the yearly payments mentioned in this Act^{F21} ... fall to be made in respect only of part of a year, such adjustments of and in relation to those payments^{F22} ... shall be made as may in the circumstances of the case appear to the Treasury to be required.

Textual Amendments

F21 Words in s. 12 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 16\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 3\(1\)](#))

F22 Words in s. 12 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 16\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 3\(1\)](#))

13 Continuance of enactments, repeal and commencement.

- (1) ^{F23} ...
[^{F24}In section 6 of the Civil List Act 1837 (honorific pensions)] the words “thirty-first day of March” shall be substituted for the words “twentieth day of June” in each place where those words occur.
- (2) [^{F25}Nothing] in this Act shall affect any rights or powers for the time being exercisable with respect to any of the hereditary revenues which are by this Act directed to be paid into the Exchequer.
- (3) ^{F26}

Textual Amendments

F23 Words in s. 13(1) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 17\(2\)\(a\)](#)

F24 Words in s. 13(1) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 17\(2\)\(b\)](#)

F25 Words in s. 13(2) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Sovereign Grant Act 2011 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 15(1), [Sch. 1 para. 17\(3\)](#)

F26 [S. 13\(3\)-\(4\)](#) repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), [Sch.](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8** Unreliable marginal note
- C9** S. 13(2) amended by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\), s. 8\(3\)](#)

14 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Civil List Act 1952.

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^{F27}SCHEDULE 1

Textual Amendments

F27 Sch. 1 repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), [Sch.](#) except as to payments for 1971 or any earlier year

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^{F28}SCHEDULE 2

Textual Amendments

F28 Sch. 2 repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), [Sch.](#)

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Changes to legislation:

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