



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.

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 Fund shall, during the

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present reign and a period of six months afterwards, be paid into the Exchequer and be made part of the Consolidated Fund.

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](#).

2 Annual payment for the Queen's Civil List.

- (1) ^{F1}
- (2) In respect of any period during which the Duke of Cornwall for the time being is a minor, the sum payable [^{F2}for the Queen's Civil List under the ^{M2}Civil List Act 1972] shall be subject to a reduction of an amount equal to the net revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall for the year, less—
- (a) ^{F3}, one equal ninth part of those revenues,
- (b) ^{F4}
- and the net revenues of the Duchy up to the amount of the reduction to which the said sum is subject by virtue of this subsection shall be at the disposal of Her Majesty.
- (3) In respect of any period during which the Duchy of Cornwall is vested in Her Majesty, the sum payable [^{F2}for the Queen's Civil List under the ^{M3}Civil List Act 1972] shall be subject to a reduction of an amount equal to the net revenues of the Duchy for the year.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(1) repealed by [Civil List Act 1972](#) (c. 7), **Sch.** except as to payments for 1971 or any earlier year.
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Civil List Act 1972](#) (c. 7), **s. 1(9)**
- F3** Words repealed by [Family Law Reform Act 1969](#) (c. 46), **s. 10(1)** except as to any period before 1.1.1970
- F4** S. 2(2)(b) repealed by [Family Law Reform Act 1969](#) (c. 46), **s. 10(1)** except as to any period before 1.1.1970

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Unreliable marginal note

Marginal Citations

- M2** [1972 c. 7](#).
- M3** [1972 c. 7](#).

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 [^{F5}£359,000].

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Textual Amendments

F5 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)

4 Provision for Her Majesty's younger children.

(1) There shall be paid to the trustees hereinafter mentioned as a provision for the benefit of the children of Her present Majesty, other than the Duke of Cornwall for the time being, yearly sums of the following amounts, that is to say—

- (a) in respect of each such child who either attains the age of [^{F6}eighteen years] or marries [^{F7}£96,000] in the case of a son and [^{F8}£15,000] in the case of a daughter, and further
- (b) in respect of each such child [^{F7}who marries, £45,000 in the case of a son, together with, in the case of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, a supplemental sum of £108,000, and £213,000 in the case of a daughter]

to commence from the date of his or her attaining that age or marrying (whichever is the earlier) in the case of a sum falling within paragraph (a), and from the date of his or her marrying in the case of a sum falling within paragraph (b):

Provided that the sum payable in respect of any such son or daughter shall cease to be paid on the death of that son or daughter.

(2) The trustees shall hold the yearly sums paid to them under this section in trust for all or any one or more of the children of Her present Majesty, other than the Duke of Cornwall for the time being, in such shares, at such times, in such manner and subject to such conditions and powers of revocation (including, if it is thought fit, a condition against alienation) as Her present Majesty may by order, countersigned by the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, appoint:

Provided that any such appointment may be varied by another order made and countersigned in like manner.

Textual Amendments

F6 Words substituted by Family Law Reform Act 1969 (c. 46), s. 10(2) except that no sum shall be payable in respect of any period before 1.1.1970

F7 S. 4(1)(a) amended by S.I. 1990/2018, art. 5 and words substituted by virtue of that art.

F8 Words substituted by Civil List Act 1972 (c. 7), s. 2(4)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 Power to increase sums mentioned in s. 4 conferred by Civil List Act 1972 (c. 7), s. 6(1)

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

(1) In the event of the marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret there shall be paid to Her Royal Highness during her life the yearly sum of [^{F9}£213,000], to commence from the date of her marrying.

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- (2) Any sum payable to Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret under this section shall be in addition to any sum payable to Her Royal Highness by virtue of the provisions of section six of the ^{M4}Civil List Act 1937.

Textual Amendments

F9 S. 5(1) amended by S.I. 1990/2018, art. 6 and words substituted by virtue of that art.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 Power to increase sum mentioned in s. 5 conferred by Civil List Act 1972 (c. 7), s. 6(1)

Marginal Citations

M4 1937 c. 32.

6 Provision for widow of the Duke of Cornwall.

In the event of the death during the present reign of the Duke of Cornwall for the time being leaving a widow, there shall be paid to her during her life the yearly sum of [^{F10}£60,000], to commence from the date of his death.

Textual Amendments

F10 Words substituted by Civil List Act 1972 (c. 7), s. 2(6)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 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.

[^{F11}(1) The Treasury may undertake the payment of any retired allowances granted, on scales and in accordance with conditions approved from time to time by the Treasury, by Her Majesty to or in respect of persons who have been members of the Royal Household (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.]

- (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 eleven of the ^{M5}Civil List Act 1937 to or in respect of persons who have been members of the Royal Household.

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 7(1) substituted by Civil List Act 1972 (c. 7), s. 4(2)

Marginal Citations

M5 1937 c. 32.

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8 Charge of payments under this Act.

The sums required under this Act for the payments under section two thereof for the Queen’s Civil List, for the provision for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, for Her Majesty’s children other than the Duke of Cornwall for the time being, for Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, and, in the event of the death of the Duke of Cornwall for the time being leaving a widow, for his widow, and for the payment of retired allowances payable by the Treasury under this Act, and for the payment of Civil List pensions (whether granted before or after the passing of this Act), shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund . . . ^{F12}, and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct, and, in particular, effect shall be given to the reductions required by this Act to be made in the payments for the Queen’s Civil List at such times and in such manner as the Treasury may direct.

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Textual Amendments

F12 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1963 \(c. 30\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F13 [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 for the purposes of this Act, 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.

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

- (1) For the purposes of this Act the expression “net revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall” means, in relation to any year, the sum certified in respect of each year by the joint certificate of the auditor of the Duchy and the auditor of the Civil List to be the surplus in that year of the receipts of the Duchy on revenue account over payments on revenue account.
- (2) In determining for the purposes of this section what receipts and payments are to be taken to be receipts and payments on revenue account, the two auditors shall follow the ordinary practice of the Duchy as existing at the time of the passing of this Act, and shall include in their certificate a statement that they have complied with the provisions of this subsection.

12 Adjustments in respect of parts of years.

Where any of the yearly payments mentioned in this Act, or any of the reductions therein mentioned of the yearly payments for the Queen’s Civil List, fall to be made

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in respect only of part of a year, such adjustments of and in relation to those payments and reductions shall be made as may in the circumstances of the case appear to the Treasury to be required.

13 Continuation of enactments, repeal and commencement.

- (1) Sections five and six of the ^{M6}Civil List Act 1837 (which relate to Civil List pensions) shall continue to apply during the present reign and a period of six months afterwards, but Civil List pensions shall not be granted as chargeable on the sum paid for the Civil List:
Provided . . . ^{F14} that in the said section six 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) The ^{M7}Civil List Audit Act 1816 and all other enactments relating to the Civil List of the last reign and not hereby superseded or expressly repealed, shall continue to apply to the Civil List under this Act, and 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) ^{F15}

Textual Amendments

F14 Words repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 8(6), **Sch.**

F15 S. 13(3)-(4) repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), **Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C7 Unreliable marginal note

C8 S. 13(2) amended by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 8(3)

Marginal Citations

M6 1837 c. 2 (1 & 2 Vict.).

M7 1816 c. 46.

14 Short title.

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

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^{F16}SCHEDULE 1

Textual Amendments

F16 Sch. 1 repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), [Sch.](#) except as to payments for 1971 or any earlier year

^{F17}SCHEDULE 2

Textual Amendments

F17 Sch. 2 repealed by [Civil List Act 1972 \(c. 7\)](#), [Sch.](#)

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