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11th November, 1981.

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Thank you for your letter of 10th November 1981 enclosing the Prime Minister's formal submission for the appointment of Sir Douglas Wass and Sir Robert Armstrong as Official Joint Heads of the Civil Service. This has been approved by The Queen and I am returning the submission with my letter. - *in Appointments filing.*

Her Majesty has also noted that Mr. Bruce-Gardyne is to be given the title of Economic Secretary, Treasury.

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Clive Whitmore, Esq.



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TREASURY MINISTERS

The present Treasury Ministerial team includes two Ministers of State, Arthur Cockfield and Jock Bruce-Gardyne, and we distinguish them by the titles Minister of State (Lords) and Minister of State (Commons). Under the arrangements to be announced on Thursday, we shall have Barney Hayhoe as an additional Minister of State in the Commons and we need to distinguish between him and Jock Bruce-Gardyne.

2. I think that this would best be done, if you agree, by reviving the title "Economic Secretary to the Treasury" and attaching it to the post held by Jock Bruce-Gardyne. This would be a fitting reflection of Jock's responsibilities, which include monetary policy and overseas finance, and would enable us to use the title of Minister of State (Commons) unambiguously for Barney Heyhoe.
3. The Civil Service Department has confirmed with Parliamentary Counsel that there is no statutory or procedural obstacle.
4. If you are content with this change of title, it would be desirable to include it in Thursday's announcement. This could be done by adding at the end of the paragraph dealing with Barney Heyhoe's appointment (paragraph 4 in the latest draft I have seen) a sentence on these lines:-

/"My hon. Friend



✓ "My hon. Friend the Member for Knutsford, who is currently a Minister of State in the Treasury, will assume the title of Economic Secretary to the Treasury".

5. I am copying this minute to Sir Ian Bancroft and Sir Robert Armstrong.

(G.H.)

10 November 1981

CONQUEROR



Prime Minister. 9
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MR. WHITMORE

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Future of the Civil Service Department

In my minute of 30th October (A05855) I suggested a redraft of that paragraph in the Prime Minister's statement which will deal with the retirement of Sir Ian Bancroft and Sir John Herbecq. The Prime Minister asked me to turn it from a three-star commendation into a five-star commendation.

2. The paragraph might be recast as follows:-

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Sir Ian Bancroft, Head of the Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Civil Service Department, and Sir John Herbecq, the Second Permanent Secretary, both of whom were due to retire by the end of next year, have with characteristic public spirit accepted that these changes mean their departure from the public service some months early, and will accordingly be retiring at the end of this week. Both have had long and distinguished careers in the public service, and have served the nation with all the skill, devotion and integrity which we expect from our public servants. Sir Ian served successive Chancellors of the Exchequer ~~(my right hon. and noble Friend Lord Butler, Reginald Maudling and the right hon. Gentleman the Member for South East Cardiff)~~ with conspicuous distinction; *He did much to build up* ~~he was the master builder of the Department of the Environment (as its first Director General of Organisation and Establishments, and then in 1975 became its Permanent Under Secretary)~~ before becoming the Head of the Civil Service in 1977. I am sure ~~that~~ the ~~whole~~ House would wish to join me in this expression of appreciation and gratitude for the many years of distinguished service both he and Sir John have given to the country, and of ~~very good wishes for the future.~~ *our best*

On Sir Ian Bancroft's retirement Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Douglas Wass, the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, will become Joint Heads of the Home Civil Service.

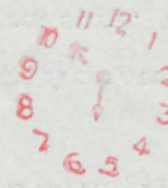
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Robert Armstrong

9th November 1981

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