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I BILLS DUE WITH GRACE

30 Days—Feb. 3
60 Days—Mar. 5
90 Days—April 4

JANUARY, 1934

1st Month

* The dates given throughout are those at which 30, 60, and 90 days' bills mature with grace from the date at top of page.

Back from Cooden

JAN. 1 MONDAY [1—364]
New Year's Day. Bank Holiday in Scotland
Dog and Annual Motor Licences renewable

17 Sir Charles Seligmann* E.M.d ? Sh? he succeed Lardays as one of 3 individual Trustees for Dormanlong Deb.s 5½ - We say nothing against = but thought Prud.al had accepted & they have some rights. On tel. N.L. Campbell confirms this

3 SMT.

615 P.J.Grigg - at Treas.y as to India

2 TUESDAY [2—363]

3 Wm Graham - as to Beardmores - See Letter to him of -tomorrows? Date
4 Sir Campbell Stuart - his letter Dec 29 - Will I intervene with Lazards to avoid suit by Can. Marconi agst Cables & Wireless for performance of contract with P.O. wh P.O. passed on to Cables & Wireless - [I will discuss with Mr. Fisher]

615 P.J.Grigg re Treas.y as to India
7. W.F. " continuing & underlining dangers of suit as above

3 WEDNESDAY [3—362]

Committee of Treasury

1. R.M.K. - Canadian Marconi & Cables & Wireless as above
3 H.A.S. Shortness of Glyn + Martins Discussions. Are they bona fide?
See Letter to him re to Banks Salary for this year

245 Tilden counter
345 Allan Cameron "
4 R.C.Wyse general

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4 THURSDAY [4—361]
Court of Directors

1215 B of E Blackett + Ellis 1. his letter Dec 28 + our feeling he sh^d avoid Directorship prop^l.
2. Our troubles + embarrass^t from time to time by his writings + speeches in opposition to Chancellors policy: Bks + all members of Govt sh^d support in public tho' they may urge + nag in private he will consider

1. R M K again - see 3^p - Beg him to suspend suit allowing free negotiation in Can^a between C M Co + C + D, who a^t send responsible man ad hoc

315 Goldsmith Fridson + K O P.
345 A W Paine - did not come
530 R M K again

5 FRIDAY [5—360]
Dividends due

11 R M K + Campbell Briant. Arrange with R M K for delay + we three discuss a basis for negotiating agreement to avoid suit (see Jan 2^d.) (by representatives going to Canada) wh both promise to try + arrange early next week/

1215 Glendyne + Ellis. Col. Stock, act, Statute of West^r - Safrica + Free State on one side: Aust + others on the other.

1. C. J. H. + Ellis. We + U.S. object strongly if Denmark lifts $ loans ($50 mil) into £, without quotations. We + U.S. prevent quotation. Denmark will lead others on same course.

430 Victoria for Basle. O & N. Hy C. Has.

6 SATURDAY [6—359]
Epiphany. S.R. 8.5; S.S. 4.7

7 Sunday [7—358]
1st after Epiphany

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BILLS DUE WITH GRACE

30 Days—Feb. 10
60 Days—Mar. 12
90 Days—April 11

JANUARY, 1934

1st Month

8 MONDAY [8—357]
(Last Quarter, 9.36 p.m.
If not already done, send in Accident Insurance Form

9 TUESDAY [9—356]
Christmas Fire Insurance Ceases

640. Victoria from Basel via Ostend.
about 2 hours late = fog =

10 WEDNESDAY [10—355]

Committee of Treasury
230 ? Rodd leaves secretly copies of letters to & from Eisler & Beaton

3 SM Bruce + E.M.H. re to future of C'wealth Bk (E.M.H. has note)
2. re to converting his £ loans into £. We give him Aide-memoire by E.H.M. + Chant leg CFO, for his personal use
3. £17 m to convert in London next month + about £7 (incl T Bills) in summer
4. M Campbell + E.R.P. + S. Cotton ? Legislation.

Secretly to Sir R.H. for his eyes alone - 15.1.34

11 THURSDAY [11—354]
Hilary Law Sittings begin

RMK to India

Court of Directors

1215 C of Treas.
1. RMK. his letter of 9th & cables.
315 Goldsmith, Frittom & R.O.P. general
345 W. W. Paine. Beardmores - New Director approved in duplicate

6. Horace Wilson. cotton Compulsion of Raw
645 D. Ferguson
715 L-Ross - going tomorrow to Portugal

12 FRIDAY [12—353]

1245 Schwartz, with introduction from Dufour - Earnest & agreeable. Hand him copy of memo by Jacobsson on Europe & Germany, - anonymously, - of wh copy already sent to Drummond
1. Tenders Sir R Kaufmann

430 RMK & Campbell Stuart - former asking me to request obtain assurance of intention to settle in Canada from Representatives of Land Co. I decline. But offer to see them before sailing & to impress them with my view of urgency of settlement

13 SATURDAY [13—352]
S.R. 8.2 ; S.S. 4.16

H.A.S. to Berlin

1030 H Duncan: Thyndley: CBG: HyC: ES. Cotton

1730 Van Scherpenberg. leaves 2 copies of Inquiries for Loans visited & quoted here with. re Ifftom Horace

3 S.B. at No 11

14 Sunday [14—351]
2nd after Epiphany

To Snowdens at Tilford

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15 MONDAY [15—350]
● *New Moon, 1.37 p.m.*

3. S.M.T.

b Sir James Grigg at Somerset House - arr to Mdn + Reserve Bk

16 TUESDAY [16—349]

10 Dr Field

12?0 Helmuth St Paul. Etat (£1500) and perhaps Nord £800. wish to borrow m £ for 6 months. I will try + approve or disapprove by midday Thurs. (a mere broker's question)

2?0 Essendon. ?. Napier for Hudsons Bay. m confidence. I explain whole position. He will let me know.

3 N.J. Campbell. He will go to Manchester. will play for trying a Voluntary Scheme avoiding commitment to compulsion by Act. He realises B/D must be loyal to Govt policy, declared or undeclared

8 Music at Lodge

17 WEDNESDAY [17—348]

Committee of Treasury

1?0 R.H. Brand, Lunch, re as to an eventual Successor to himself as Chman A.S.A.B. - Quarter now with N.J. Campbell. might divide Nitrate (Cosach) + B/Ks wh are condemned in his position.

5 Ch Ex at Board Room. German Coupons. Compulsion in Cotton Spinning
7 Findlater Stewart at India office. P&G. O.A.S or other Gov.' urgent? No.

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18 THURSDAY [18—347]

Court of Directors

12.30 F.C.T. I answer question of Helmuth's on 16th. as agreed by Ch Ex last Evening. The proposals in this form sh'd not be pressed & wd not be approved. Finis. But a request by a principle, appl. by B/France, is not excluded.
+ Emtd
. auth. or to purchase of, German Coupons by B of E as discussed with Schacht
Lunch) 1.30 Governors Gov B of Ireland + Csaddis — Lunch
3 H Strakosch. India: Budget deficit 33-34: To avoid deficit 34-35 reduce S-fund (called debt-avoidance) £7 to 3 Crores for one year + so balance. 2. Open Reserve Bill if conditions allow, 2nd half 1935. Appoint Gov't-c Summer 1934 — He fears OAB. No other practical candidate ? B of C

5 Ch Ex in Board Room + Emtd German coupon purchase by B/E — with Reichsbank (Ch approves form of refusal to Reichsbank arrangement)

19 FRIDAY [19—346]

12. FCT. Has + Emtd, as to answer to Schacht, in form approved by Ch/Ex + written as of 18th for Has to take to Berlin — Where he will make all necessary explanations to Schacht + Brayse only: either tomorrow or Sunday.
1.30 Tenders. Sir R Hopkins

3.15 R H Brand (see RMK's Letter of 18th) See note in pencil on Letter: await letter from him as to our agreement, based on Extracts from RMK's cables. No glosses. (He is not angry + hurt)

5.30 To Much Hadham

20 SATURDAY [20—345]
S.R. 7.55; S.S. 4.27

Wedding of

12.30. John Sellar and Mary Norman

21 Sunday [21—344]
3rd after Epiphany

7. pm Lodge

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22 MONDAY [22—343]
☽ First Quarter, 11.50 a.m.

12 Wm Whyte (see 31.10.33) 1. He will counsel his Board about Mr Lowrey BK joining Wms D 2 I am to ask NJ Campbell to keep transfer BOE shares to RBS or to Prudential 3 with Exch - Whyte will regularise holdings of Wm D. on own behalf of various Cotton Shares & Debentures

3 Sun

4 Sir Campbell Stuart. reads RMK & R&B correspondence & agrees letters & propose to write today to him & to R&B (I do not mention Letter to Warren Fisher)

23 TUESDAY [23—342]

10 Dr F.

12 Ian Napier. see my letter today to P.A. Cooper

2.30 RMK. Central Mining: ? Successor to Wallers: Co controlled by Credit Lyonnais (I now know that he knows) speaks for David Eccles (29) confidant of Wallers. wants on Board Cr Lyonnais.

4 Sir Evelyn Fitzgerald - private re to P.N's settlement of wh E&C Trustee

24 WEDNESDAY [24—341]
Committee of Treasury

11. J W Pelaez, R.H. Brand & B.C.I. - position of German Standstill - its renewal. Conflict with Long Term Exp Loans. May ask Sec a memo setting their standpoint

3 Sir Campbell Stuart: hope to bring Denison Pender tomorrow in order that we 3 may agree as to my Letter of 22nd - as Stuart fears some delay in decisions by Pender & in date of "Responsible men" Sailing - I say date cannot be changed: I stand pat! - action only delayed on basis of my Letters.

7. pm Dinner Inner Temple

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25 THURSDAY [25—340]
Conversion of S. Paul

Court of Directors

230 Sir Wm Leech, trying hard to strengthen his finan: perhaps Vickers of Slaughter
+ may, we discuss whole position.
315 Goldsmith + Fritton + L.O.P. generals

26 FRIDAY [26—339]

6. Ch Ex on Eaton Square Art to Memo of Short term Creditors

1245 J.W.B. leave (see 24th) he, as Chairman, + members of Com to see Ch Ex next week. I warn him vaguely of pending Bill for anglo German clearing.

1. Tenders Sir R Hopkins. Draw with Ellis + Ruley as to Data to be collected by Ruley as basis for Clearing-Bill

3 Sir Campbell Stuart, Dennison-Pender + Sir Norman Lorie: Pender reads cable to Beatty, which is confidential, not to be mentioned + should at once be ignored + forgotten by me. He also assures me that the object of the visit of the 2 Repres^s. of I + I C to Canada is bona fide to reach a settlement with C M Co

430 Rt Brand. see his letter of 24th. and pencil notes at end. (I and I C and Can Marconi Co)

27 SATURDAY [27—338]
S.R. 7.47; S.S. 4.40

1030 S/Bruce: (well + happier) fully as to Hungary + Soporics — incl everlasting rumours of favouritism in Exchs Dept of Nat Bank, - He says dont write, but he will mention personally to Pop

28 Sunday [28—337]
Septuagesima

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29 MONDAY [29—336]

11 Sir Bruce + Ellis. I will see Glendyne about next conversions. re We discuss open market + tenders in Australia (on lines of Cable to Ellis to Reading on 25th)

17 CBG
1.30 Lacour Gayet: Lunch
3 SMT.

6. Treas. Nfdland Conv.

30 TUESDAY [30—335]
○ *Full Moon, 4.31 p.m.*

10 D.F
11.30 Lord Glendyne - Australia between 14 + 22 (not earlier) to allow Bruce to Sail via Suez - Conv. £21.600. 20/25 yr. 3½ ?96.
12 Sir Norman Leslie + Tuffin - see my Letter to R.H. Brand today, following former's visit on 26th
12.45 Wm. Whyte (see 22nd) with Ellis: he hopes for Sale of BOB shares thro' Rigg Campbell for Wms D. Pkr re he enquired about Lithgow
3 Memorial Service. Cecil Lord Rowlstoke
3.45 Lacour Gayet, all questions concerning Paris + Bk of France
5.15 P.A Cooper
6. Sir Alfred Lewis - his coming appt as Dy. Chairman of NP

31 WEDNESDAY [31—334]
The Insurance herein contained is not valid until your name has been registered

Committee of Treasury.
10.45 Glendyne. approves my/today's letter to Bruce re Australian Conversion. + takes Copy
3 Sir Chris Needham, all sorts of things
3.45 Beckett (Westminster Bank) Chiman re par to Industrial Mge Corp.

Cancelled owing to agreement today in Berlin on payments arr. Compens to June 30.
5 Ch Ex. re Bd. Rm. with Pease + Com. Short term Gaitors

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