

30 Days—May 4
60 Days—June 3
90 Days—July 3

APRIL, 1940

4th Month

1 MONDAY (92—274)

11. Mr James. ac Macdormid & Es. 8th meeting of Thomas on 28th: serious disagreement: they will prepare note for Control (can be signed by them + Lithgow + submitted by me to Bradley for informⁿ a general assent or non-objection
3. C F Campbell. (1) meeting with Ferguson end of month. he will enquire (2) Hoarding by Retailers agt advances by bks (3) Ch Letter Oct 31, advances to contractors? he will enquire (4) Bch managers familiar with Controllable to explain.
4. Sir H. Cunliffe Over. General. + Bewley's Note of Mch 19. on Tobacco talks
7. H. J. = esp Britham^{letter} to Estm. of 30th for Crookshanks (Explain all to Crookshanks)

2 TUESDAY (93—273)

Easter Law Sittings begin

- 11 and 4. Election: Governors
- 230 Catto. leaves letter from Paris about Litherley
- 12 Dr Belmi. vice Gov. Sago Slav Nat bks & OEN. courtesy

3 WEDNESDAY (94—272)

- Committee of Treasury
11 and 4 Election Directors
- 230 Waddington as to L B & S & Co. he will send note of queries on Spanish Branches for Whitehall to answer 2 wants to pay, 6% next 5%. Isay no increased Divs are wise at Wat: Losses cent: possibly be foreseen + usually Divs sh. not increase even when foreign made 3 Query as to Exch. last
6. Crookshanks at Treas. Britham letter Mch 30 to Estm. ~~the~~ fully explained at request of H/W (see 1st) in confidence
- 7 H/W

4 THURSDAY (95—271)

Board of Directors.

230 Ellen Oliver M-S + A.C.B. - general

B. Sudley. Reads several recent letters from Firth to ES: Reads letter of 1st to me from James, Lithgow + MacDermid: signs a note thereon of his approval - With ES also - agrees to meet above 3 in London next Tuesday as to Succ^t to Firth: I ask him in his connection to consider before Tuesday if he is free

(till 4.5)

530 Hyndley = Governor of P.I. vice H.

630 R.H. = Whigham + N.Y. : Spain : Budget

7 H.J.W. = Crookshanks - Hyndley. Times 3rd: tears rather than anger

5 FRIDAY (96—270)

12 Bates (Caman Martins Ak) answers by saying he sh^d. not now write Warren F. to join M.B.: because in present temper he w^d. not be helpful + w^d. need leave of H.W. 2 this applies to Cunard but not to Insurance. The above are Pui's wishes, obtained via H.W.

1245 C.F. Campbell: his letter 4th

130 Jendert. Sir R. Hopkins. He goes to B.G.C. + Sir F.P.

320. Waterloo for the going of John Martin by air to S.A. also R.N.K. + H.C.

6.18 Victoria to Komsung

6 SATURDAY (97—269)

s.r. 5.25, s.s. 6.40

7 Sunday (98—268)

2nd after Easter

● New Moon, 8.18 p.m.

4.13 Komsung to Victoria

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60 Days—June 10
90 Days—July 10

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8 MONDAY (99—267)

- 10 Pledge with BGC till 1130
12 Sir A. Duncan + E.S. 1. Thomas Luce^r. to Firth: needs a whole time
Chairman. perhaps Lever - E.S. will sound him
+ Lunch 2 Firths. de Sten^r + E.S. to discuss at B Trade
315 Sir A. Firth + E.S. After prelim explain: I ask for his Resignⁿ, quietly,
to make best of a bad job. He refuses. Read him letter
of 1st. He says he will never quit & give long ^{account} of
his troubles. I ask him to think it over. He refuses &
abuses Latham - at 425 goes away "in perfect health"
I beg him to do nothing until he has talked all over
with L^r Firth - who he says he will never do & we part in
Bullion Yard

9 TUESDAY (100—266)

Lady Day Fire Insurance ceases

- 10 Pledge with BGC till 1115
12 Memorial Service. Savage of N.Z. West^r Cathedral
115 Lunch. Am. Embassy. Kennedy alone.
5 Newspaper men + BGC on Exch Control

7 Gran B-M. 28 Horton St: so ill!

10 WEDNESDAY (101—265)

Committee of Treasury

- 11 H. Cairnes + A.C.B. A-1 B.K. - B.H. to stay out as he asked on 2^d: Dickson
to be Chairman ad int: All will be readjusted by June 30
1. P.A.C. as to succ^r to Pick (Ashfield?) on Ldn Transport
3 Call to general + as to our secret advances - BGC will explain Blue Book
345 Ardley (see 4th) + E.S. Firths Succ. sh^d be fr outside the industry - whole time
+ esp financial. He w^d replace Finance Director & Finance
Comm^{tee}

630 Ch. Ex.

11 THURSDAY (102—264)

bount of Directors

1215 Catto.

1230 Olaf Hambro leaves provisional Bal sheet of Mch 31 - to be replaced shortly

230 Ellen Oliver M-S & acb. general

215 R.H. Brandt proposes ¹ Abel Smith of Samuels as Chairman acc. Res Com - succ^d to C.H. Walters. I agree if all members approve. ² He agrees that position of houses so changed that Com can no longer claim special position in Exch Control (even less than authorised dealers). The 18 names for E.I. no longer qualify -

4. Wanspans Catto ERP & ES. Summers & An Steel proposal. ES has note

12 FRIDAY (103—263)

1130 Helmut Schroder (Mch 18) He leaves Bal sheet of Mch 31 & Statement of partners outside assets (given to acb) I point out that latter are at free disposal of individuals & if disposed of by gift not available to firm hereafter

1215 C.F. Campbell 1. I give him Green note as to Exch Control & Acb managers - via Kidbury wh he will consider ² I ask support of C.F. also if we decide that all sales of Sec² must be via S. Ex - at perhaps Eric Mack for that he will consider ³ I warn him I may discriminate agst Drayfus.

1. R.P. Brandt, leaves Bal sheet (to acb)

130 Tenders Sir R. Phillips - no more

215 Sir C. Seligman. Bal sheet to acb.

4. Broomage - Ch. Hoare & Co. W. Fishers letter of 8th - we agree to try to get the ^(hatchet buried)

13 SATURDAY (104—262)

s.r. 5.9, s.s. 6.53

5th First

14 Sunday (105—261)

3rd after Easter

30 Days—May 18
60 Days—June 17
90 Days—July 17

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4th Month

15 MONDAY (106—260)

First Quarter, 1.46 p.m.

3 Control Com: R Thomas & Co. All members + Sec EB + LEP. till 4.30
Firth, after dismissal, leaves in anger

5.15 Catto. Director of Equipment as succ^r to Woolton. he is
doubtful after discussion with Weir & Woolton. But he leaves
me to arrange one way or the other at 11.10

8.30 Dr. Gurnewich

16 TUESDAY (107—259) (ERP gone sick)

10.15 H.J.W. reasons for Catto to succeed Woolton on Council of Supply, and hope that this
~ Leader will emerge in Catto to dominate ministry.

11.30 Wardington: Anglo I - Am RR in Spain: Raising certain points which I
state for memory in today's letter to Sir R.H.

12.30 Catto: I advise him, for reasons I enumerate, to accept seat on Council of Supply,
after Woolton; to make liaison with P.A.C. + others & by degrees
to combine & dominate Council: for dark days to come. I give him
Letter for PM.

2.40 Firth. in the passage - seems to accept the inevitable - sorrowful rather
than angry. Will discuss with EB. form of press notices

3. Summers (see 11.1) Denton Jones, Summers Rollason, Macharg & Spens.
Catto: [EB with Firth elsewhere] adjourn 4.15

17 WEDNESDAY (108—258)

Committee of Treasury

Bed.

Fen.

18 THURSDAY (109—257)

Count of Directors

Laryngitis

Bed

19 FRIDAY (110—256)

Bed

20 SATURDAY (111—255)

s.r. 4.54, s.s. 7.4

Rodge

21 Sunday (112—254)

4th after Easter. Summer Time begins
The Princess Elizabeth born, 1926

30 Days—May 25
60 Days—June 24
90 Days—July 24

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22 MONDAY (113—253)

○ Full Moon, 5.37 a.m.

Sick

850 D. Gurnard

23 TUESDAY (114—252)

S. George

(Budget)

3 L. R. Peppiah. we discuss Vickers letter of - 4 "Riths of 20" to me: He agrees it is reasonable for me to see Vickers (he to Vickers) as a private friend

24 WEDNESDAY (115—251)

Committee of Treasury

245 J. E. James: then wish Lever: when time Chiman: James as at present also Latham

415 Ch Vickers

25 THURSDAY (116—250)

S. Mark

bount of directors

to Victoria 10.15 a.m.

all day at Brighton.

arr " 6.40 p.m.

26 FRIDAY (117—249)

11. Sir Edgar Horne 110 Mount St. agrees that I approach Kever for Chairman
R Thomas & promises his personal good will

130 Tenders Sir R Hopkins

3 E.H. Jones with agreement of Horne & subject to financial arrangements he
is willing to accept whole time Chairmanship of R Thomas

27 SATURDAY (118—248)

s.r. 5.40, s.s. 8.16

28 Sunday (119—247)

Rogation Sunday

30 Days—June 1
60 Days—July 1
90 Days—July 31

APRIL—MAY, 1940

4th & 5th Months

29 MONDAY (120—246)

Rogation Day
(Last Quarter, 8.49 a.m.

- 172 A C Machiartmid: personally opposed to Whitman. W. like Sweden
pt time: James + N/C pt time Sep Ch'men. Latham as he
is. But if Lever accepts he raises no obstacle on lines
of 20". Otherwise we are to Council again.
- 215 R.N.K. Rogers Cables 547. 549. Leave answer to Charteris & how Treas^r.

8 Dinner Swedish Minister

30 TUESDAY (121—245)

Rogation Day

- 230 P.A.C. Ldn Transport. Who will succeed Ashfield? Pick gone
(See 10th) Macdonald for within? C/Vickers from without?
- 3 H. Cunliffe Owen. See my letter to Phillips. Re Export Tobacco
- 345 C. Campbell + B.C. Friday's agenda
- 430 R. Munro - after a month sick.

6 Air Ministry. Sir Saml Hoare

MAY 1 WEDNESDAY (122—244)

Rogation Day. SS. Philip and James

Committee of Treasury

- 11 Warrington. Spanish Bches of Anglo S-am Bks: See my pencil note
at foot of his Letter of Apr 29. I wait to hear again for him.
- 230 Hambury Williams & HCBM. Former to come next week as Exec Director
- 215 ~~Col~~ N.L.C. will call tomorrow on Sir Godfrey Thomas at F.O. tomorrow
at an hour to be arranged direct between them - This carries
out my suggestion via C.F.O. that N/LC replace Birch
for a secret service job
- by Telephone

- 630 J + Liddham ? KOP. & C. Bk.
- HAS - Goodenough