

**RETIREMENT OF THE FORMER COMMISSIONER OF POLICE**

**ISSUE OF COMMISSION**

**LN.2022/034**

**WHEREAS** the Government has committed to issue a commission for an Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act into the matters more particularly detailed below;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has requested that His Excellency the Governor, Vice Admiral Sir David Steel KBE, DL, identify a retired High Court Judge of the jurisdiction of England & Wales to carry out such an Inquiry;

**AND WHEREAS** His Excellency the Governor has, with his consent, identified Sir Charles Peter Lawford Openshaw, DL, formerly a judge of the High Court of England and Wales, Queen's Bench Division;

**THE GOVERNMENT NOW HEREBY**, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, appoints the aforesaid Sir Charles Peter Lawford Openshaw, DL, as Commissioner to inquire, as he shall in his absolute discretion consider appropriate, into the reasons and circumstances leading to Mr Ian McGrail ceasing to be Commissioner of Police in June 2020 by taking early retirement.

The Commissioner is to ascertain the facts and report to the Government on the above matters.

Save as the Commissioner may in his discretion determine, the Inquiry is to be held in public at a venue, and to commence on a date, to be specified by the Government by notice in the Gazette.

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

VICE ADMIRAL SIR DAVID STEEL KBE, DL,  
Governor,  
For the Government,  
At the request of the Chief Minister.