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Any reply to this letter should
quote the above number, and
must be addressed to—

The SECRETARY



MINISTRY OF WORKS,

LAMBETH BRIDGE HOUSE,

ALBERT EMBANKMENT,

LONDON, S.E.1

26th June, 1952.

Registered.

Sir,

ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACTS, 1913 and 1931

I am directed by the Minister of Works to enclose in duplicate a formal notice
—under Section 6 of the Ancient Monuments Acts, 1931.

2. The Minister desires to explain that it is his duty to publish Lists under this Section, and that the inclusion of a monument in the Lists amounts to a formal declaration that it is in the national interest that the monument should be preserved. It does not in any way imply that the monument is being neglected by the owner or occupier, or that it is receiving improper treatment at his hands; it merely means that the monument is of such importance that it is in the national interest that no works of demolition, removal or repair of any part of the monument, or any alteration or addition to the monument should be carried out unless due notice has first been given to the Minister. A copy of the relevant Sections of the Ancient Monuments Acts is printed on the back of the notice enclosed with this letter.

3. The Minister has at his disposal a staff of experts trained in the execution of works on all descriptions of monuments, and he is anxious to give whatever help and advice he can to the owners or occupiers of monuments. He is prepared to supply reports on the condition and methods of treatment of monuments, and to arrange for the supervision of any work carried out on a monument, making a charge for out-of-pocket expenses only.

4. I am to ask you to be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of this letter in the
—space provided for the purpose at the foot of the duplicate notice. The envelope need not be stamped.

5. The Minister would also be obliged if you would kindly write, in the space provided for the purpose, the name and address of the occupier (if any) of the land upon which the monument is situated, so that he may be in a position to serve upon him also a notice under the Act.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E.D. McDowall, Esq.,
Castle House,
OTFORD,
Kent.

**In the Matter of the Ancient Monuments
Acts, 1913 and 1931.**

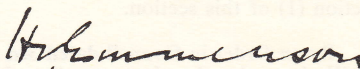
To:—

The owner/~~occupier~~ of the Monument known as St. Thomas
A Becket's Well, OTFORD, Kent, as shown in red on the enclosed map.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Ancient Monuments Act, 1931, the Minister of Works hereby gives you notice that it is his intention to include the Monument above specified in a list of monuments to be published by him under Section 12 of the Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment Act, 1913

Dated this 26th day of June, 19 52.

By Order of the Minister.



Secretary.

P.T.O.

Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment Act, 1913

Section 12 (as amended by the Ancient Monuments Act, 1931).

12.—(1) The Commissioners of Works shall from time to time cause to be prepared and published a list containing :—

(a) such monuments as are reported by the Ancient Monuments Board as being monuments the preservation of which is of national importance ; and

(b) such other monuments as the Commissioners think ought to be included in the list.

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(3) This section shall not apply to any structure which is occupied as a dwelling house by any person other than a person employed as the caretaker thereof or his family.

Ancient Monuments Act, 1931. Section 6.

6.—(1) Before including any monument in a list published under section twelve of the principal Act after the commencement of this Act, being a monument which was not included in a list published under that section before the commencement of this Act, the Commissioners shall, instead of informing the owner as required by subsection (1) of that section, cause to be served upon the owner of the monument and upon the occupier thereof (if any) a notice in writing of their intention to include the monument in the list.

(2) No person served with a notice under the last foregoing subsection shall, unless and until the monument to which the notice relates ceases to be included in any such list as aforesaid, execute or permit to be executed, except in a case of urgent necessity, any work for the purpose of demolishing, removing or repairing any part of the monument, or of making any alterations or additions thereto, until the expiration of three months after he has given to the Commissioners notice in writing of his intention to do so, and any person acting in contravention of the provisions of this subsection shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

(3) Where the owner of any monument has been served with a notice under subsection (1) of this section, then (subject to the provisions of the Land Charges Act, 1925, as amended by subsequent enactment and as applied by this Act) every person subsequently becoming the owner of the monument shall, for the purpose of the last foregoing subsection, be deemed to have been so served.

(4) Subsection (2) of section twelve of the principal Act shall cease to have effect, and for the purpose of subsection (2) of this section the person who, at the commencement of this Act, is the owner of any monument included in any such list as aforesaid which was published before the commencement of this Act, and (subject to the provisions of the Land Charges Act, 1925, as amended by any subsequent enactment and as applied by this Act) every person subsequently becoming the owner of the monument, shall be deemed to have been served with a notice under subsection (1) of this section.

(5) The Commissioners may at any time cause to be served upon the occupier of a monument which is included in any such list as aforesaid, whether published before or after the commencement of this Act, a notice in writing that the monument is so included, and after the service of such a notice upon any such occupier the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall apply with respect to him as if he had been served with a notice under subsection (1) of this section.

By an Order in Council dated 3rd August, 1945, the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Works under the above-mentioned Acts were transferred to the Minister of Works as from 15th August, 1945.

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