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Any communication on

the subject of this CLELAND HOUSE,

letter should be

addressed to:-

PAGE STREET,

The Under Secretary of State,

and the following number LONDON, S.W.1.

quoted:-

12th September, 1940.

Sir,

Message to members of the Fire Service.

F. B. Circular No. 123/194C.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you, for the information of the fire authority, the accompanying message regarding the services which have been and are being rendered by members of the Fire Services, regular and auxiliary, and to say that he would be much obliged if steps could be taken to cause this message to be circulated by appropriate means to all concerned:-

The Clerk of the London County Council,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk of the District Council.

"All sections of the Civil Defence Services have responded so magnificently to the calls made upon them that it might seem invidious to draw distinctions. But I am sure no one would begrudge the word of special commendation that I feel moved to send to the members of the Fire Services, Regular and Auxiliary. Work fraught with great danger in itself has been often rendered hazardous in the extreme by sustained and repeated enemy attack by bomb and machine gun. Nowhere has there been any flinching. Again and again, with dauntless courage and at the price of many casualties, fires that might well have engulfed whole districts have been brought under control.

Further and greater trials may lie ahead, but I am confident that in meeting them the Fire Services will only add lustre to their already brilliant achievements.

(Signed) JOHN ANDERSON."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. L. D. ison

Issued to:- All Fire Authorities in England and Wales.

Copies for information to Chief Officers of Fire Brigades and Chief Constables in England and Wales.