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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

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SUBJECT :

1589.

FADDEN, Hon. A. W.

Appointment as member of Privy Council

Sounded personally by
the Governor-General
(Lord Gowrie)
and signified acceptance.

HON. A.W. FADDEN

Acting Prime Minister
from 20/1/41 to
24/5/41.

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Government House,
Canberra,
29th August, 1942.

Dear Mr. McCaffrey,

Thank you for your letter dated the 17th August. No further action is necessary, but in the event of Mr. Fadden proceeding to England, the Clerk of the Privy Council would have to be notified so that Mr. Fadden could be summoned and sworn in.

Yours sincerely,

CE BRACEGIRDLE

J.F. McCaffrey, Esquire,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA.



THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION,

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

(Written in Brisbane)

17th August, 1942

MILITARY AND OFFICIAL
SECRETARY
20 AUG 1942
TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Dear Captain Bracegirdle,

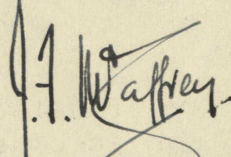
Mr. Fadden has handed to me a letter dated 10th inst., forwarded to him by His Excellency containing a letter from the Privy Council Office with a printed notification of Mr. Fadden's appointment as a member of the Privy Council.

Four printed copies of the notification are also enclosed.

It would be appreciated if you could inform me of the correct procedure to be adopted with regard to any further steps to be taken.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,


(J.F. McCaffrey)

Captain L.S. Bracegirdle,
Military Secretary to His Excellency, the Governor-
General,
Government House,
CANBERRA.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

L.53/1/1.

Prime Minister's Department,
CANBERRA.

13th August, 1942.

MEMORANDUM for :-

The Military and Official Secretary
to His Excellency the Governor General.
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I desire to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank you for your communication of 11th August, forwarding three printed copies of the notification of the appointment of the Right Honourable John Curtin and the Right Honourable Arthur William Fadden to be Members of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

It is noted that copies have been sent by His Excellency to Mr. Curtin and Mr. Fadden.

(Sgd.) F. STRAHAN.

Secretary.

Government House,
C A N B E R R A,
11th August, 1942.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
C A N B E R R A.

Dear Sir,

By direction of the Governor-General I forward herewith three printed copies of the notification of the appointment of the Right Honourable John Curtin and the Right Honourable Arthur William Fadden to be Members of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Copies have also been sent by the Governor-General to Mr. Curtin and Mr. Fadden.

Yours faithfully,

C. S. BRACEGIRDLE.

Captain, R.A.N.

Military and Official Secretary.

Admiralty House,
SYDNEY.

10th August, 1942.

Dear Mr. Fadden,

I am requested by the Secretary of
State for Dominion Affairs to forward to you the
enclosed letter from the Privy Council Office covering
a notification of your appointment to be a Member of
His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

I also enclose four printed copies
of the notification.

Yours sincerely,

GOWRIE.

The Right Honourable A. W. Fadden, M.P.
Parliament House,
CANBERRA.

Original despatched 10/8/42.
Duplicate despatched 31/9/42.

H O N O U R S.

Admiralty House,
SYDNEY.
10th August, 1942.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Honours despatch dated 8th May, 1942, enclosing letters from the Privy Council Office covering notifications of the appointment of the Right Honourable John Curtin and the Right Honourable Arthur William Fadden to be Members of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

These letters, together with printed copies of the notifications, have been forwarded to the Right Honourable John Curtin and the Right Honourable Arthur William Fadden.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

GOWRIE.

Governor-General.

The Secretary of State
for Dominion Affairs,
Dominions Office,
LONDON.

DUPLICATE

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HONOURS.

Dominions Office,
Downing Street,

8 May, 1942.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit, for communication to the Right Honourable John Curtin and the Right Honourable Arthur William Fadden, letters from the Privy Council Office covering notifications of their appointment to be Members of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant,

(Sd.) C. R. ATTLEE

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

HIS EXCELLENCY

BRIGADIER GENERAL

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LORD GOWRIE, V.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

MILITARY AND OFFICIAL
SECRETARY

29 JUL 1942

TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The 30th day of April, 1942.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL.

THIS day The Honourable Arthur William Fadden was, by His Majesty's command, appointed a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Rupert B. Howorth.

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FOR INSERTION IN THE ISSUE OF SATURDAY, 4th APRIL, 1942.

NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED OR BROADCAST OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA BEFORE
TEN A.M. ON SATURDAY, 4th APRIL, 1942.

His Excellency the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) has received advice that His Majesty The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable John Curtin, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Honourable Arthur William Fadden, former Prime Minister now a Member of the Advisory War Council of the Commonwealth of Australia, to be Members of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

A. S. Bragg

Captain, R.A.N.

Military and Official Secretary.

2/4/42.

Telegram despatched (In Code) by His Excellency the
Governor-General to the Secretary of State for Dominion
Affairs, London, dated Canberra 2nd April, 1942.

IMMEDIATE.

Secret Honours. Your telegram March 31st simultaneous
announcement Privy Councillorships CURTIN and FADDEN
will be made here morning press Saturday, April 4th.

(SGD) GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Decode of telegram received by His Excellency the Governor-General from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, dated London 31st March, 1942. Received Canberra 1st April, 1942.

Honours Secret your telegram March 26th His Majesty has been pleased to approve appointment your Prime Minister and of Fadden to be Members of His Majesty's Privy Council. It is proposed to make announcement here in the following terms for publication morning papers of Saturday, April 4th.

Announcement begins

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ends.

It is assumed that your Prime Minister would agree simultaneous announcement in Australia. Please let me know if date proposed will be convenient.

(SGD) SECRETARY OF STATE.

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(SGD) SECRETARY OF STATE.

Telegram despatched (In Code) by His Excellency
the Governor-General to the Secretary of State for
Dominion Affairs, London, dated Canberra 25th March,
1942.

March 25th. Secret Honours. Your telegram March
23rd my Prime Minister concurs in your proposal for
simultaneous announcement FADDEN and himself as
soon as practicable and without awaiting Birthday
Honours List.

(SGD) GOWRIE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

LG

Telegram despatched (In Code) by His Excellency the
Governor-General to the Secretary of State for Dominion
Affairs, London, dated Canberra 25th March, 1942.

March 25th Secret Honours. Your telegram March 23rd
FADDEN would be honoured by appointment Privy
Councillorship.

(SGD) GOWRIE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

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SECRET

Decode of
Telegram received by His Excellency the Governor-General
from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs dated
London 23rd March, 1942. Received Canberra 24th March,
1942.

Secret Honours. My telegrams today. It is assumed it
would be in accordance with your Prime Minister's wishes
announcement conferment Privy Councillorships upon himself
and Fadden if approved by King should be made simultaneously
as soon as is practicable and without awaiting Birthday
Honours List and there will be no difficulty in arranging
this. I will communicate with you further as to the date
of announcement when His Majesty has approved appointments.

(SGD) SECRETARY OF STATE.

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March 10th Secret. Honours. My Prime Minister recommends that Honourable Arthur William Fadden F.I.C.A., F.C.A., M.P. Leader of Opposition Commonwealth Parliament be appointed a Member of Privy Council. He was Commonwealth Minister from March 1940 to October 1941, was Acting Prime Minister for approximately four months during Menzies' visit to United Kingdom and was Prime Minister from August 29th to October 6th 1941. He is Member of Advisory War Council. I support this recommendation.

(SGD) GOWRIE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

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(SGD) GOWRIE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Government House,
CANBERRA,
10th March, 1942.

S E C R E T.

My dear Prime Minister,

I have received your letter dated 7th March and have telegraphed to London my support of your recommendation that The Honourable A.W. Fadden be appointed a Privy Councillor.

Yours sincerely,

GOWRIE.

The Hon. J. Curtin, M.P.,
Prime Minister.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER.

Canberra,

7 - MAR 1942

SECRET

My dear Governor-General,

I should be glad if you would convey to His Majesty the King my recommendation that the Honourable A. W. Fadden, F. I. C. A., F. C. A., M.P., Leader of the Opposition in the Commonwealth Parliament, be called to and admitted as a member of the Privy Council.

Mr Fadden was a Commonwealth Minister continuously from 14th March, 1940, to 7th October, 1941, during the last period of which he was Prime Minister. He was Acting Prime Minister during the absence of Mr Menzies in England during the early months of 1941. In addition to being Leader of the Opposition in the Commonwealth Parliament Mr Fadden is Leader of the Country Party and has been for some time a member of the Advisory War Council. Mr Fadden is 46 years of age.

In making this recommendation I have in mind the fact that Mr Fadden has made a very real contribution to Australia's war effort and I am of the opinion that the services he has rendered and is rendering merit the highest recognition. After giving the matter mature consideration I suggest that his admission to the Privy Council would be a fitting reward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "John Curtin".

His Excellency
the Governor-General,
Government House,
CANBERRA.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER,
Canberra, A.C.T.,

SECRET

7 - MAR 1942

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