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Whitehall, November 25, 1869.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, appointing Sir William Thomas Denison, K.C.B., Colonel in the Corps of Royal Engineers; Edward Frankland, Esq.; and John Chalmers Morton, Esq.; to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to visit the River Tweed and its tributaries, and the River Clyde and its affluents, in that part of Her United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Scotland; and also to visit such other rivers, or parts of rivers, in that part of the said United Kingdom, as Her Majesty may from time to time direct, by signifying Her pleasure, under the hand of one of Her Principal Secretaries of State; and to inquire how far the present use of such rivers or running waters in Scotland, for the purpose of carrying off the sewage of towns and populous places, and the refuse arising from industrial processes and manufactures, can be prevented without risk to the public health or serious injury to such processes and manufactures, and how far such sewage and refuse can be utilized and got rid of, otherwise than by discharge into rivers or running waters, or rendered harmless before reaching them, and also to inquire into the effect of the drainage of lands and inhabited places, of obstructions to the natural flow of rivers or streams caused by mills, weirs, locks, and other navigation works, and into the best means of remedying any evils thence arising.

Whitehall, November 26, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to the following persons and the respective heirs male of their bodies lawfully begotten:—

James, Earl of Southesk, in that part of the United Kingdom called Scotland, K.T., by the name, style, and title of Baron Balinhard, of Farnell, in the county of Forfar.

William, Earl of Listowel, in that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, by the name, style, and title of Baron Hare, of Connamore, in the county of Cork.

The Right Honourable Edward George Fitzalan-Howard (commonly called Lord Edward George Fitzalan Howard), by the name, style, and title of Baron Howard, of Glossop, in the county of Derby.

The Right Honourable John Wilson FitzPatrick, of Grantstown Manor and Lisduff, in Queen's County, by the name, style, and title of Baron Castletown, of Upper Ossory, in Queen's County.

Sir John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton, of Aldenham, in the county of Salop, Bart., by the name, style, and title of Baron Acton, of Aldenham, in the said county of Salop.

Thomas James Agar Robartes, of Lanhydrock, in the county of Cornwall, Esq., by the name, style, and title of Baron Robartes, of Lanhydrock, and of Truro, in the said county of Cornwall.

George Carr Glyn, of Stanmore Park, in the county of Middlesex, Esq., by the name, style, and title of Baron Wolverton, of Wolverton, in the county of Buckingham.

Fulke Southwell Greville-Nugent, of Clonyn Castle, in the county of Westmeath, Esq., by the name, style, and title of Baron Greville, of Clonyn, in the said county of Westmeath.

Downing Street, November 25, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John Mitchell Jenkins, Esq., to be Colonial Surveyor for Her Majesty's Settlement of Sierra Leone, on the Western Coast of Africa.

By virtue of an Act, passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker