

vessel in Great Britain for the purpose of supplying the passengers or crew with milk on a voyage shall not on being landed in Great Britain at the end of the voyage be deemed to be a foreign animal for the purposes of The Foreign Animals Order, provided the Commissioners of Customs are, before the same is landed, satisfied that it has been taken from Great Britain and has not been landed in a foreign country, and has not been in contact with any foreign animal.

C. L. Peel.

Whitehall, February 13, 1879.

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the effect following:—

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith:—To Our trusty and well-beloved Warington Wilkinson Smyth, Esq., Master of Arts, Fellow of the Royal Society; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir George Elliot, Bart.; Our trusty and well-beloved Frederick Augustus Abel, Esq., Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Fellow of the Royal Society; Our trusty and well-beloved John Tyndall, Esq., Doctor of Civil Law, Fellow of the Royal Society; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Burt, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Bellamy Clifton, Esq., Fellow of the Royal Society; Our trusty and well-beloved William Thomas Lewis, Esq.; and Our trusty and well-beloved Lindsay Wood, Esq., greeting!

Whereas it hath been represented unto Us that many destructive accidents happen in Mines from explosions and other causes, and that with a view to the prevention of such accidents, and the mitigation of their consequences, it is important to ascertain whether the scientific knowledge at present possessed of the phenomena relating to Mines and operations therein, can contribute any further precautions or appliances suitable for practical adoption:

And whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue for the purpose of inquiring and reporting, whether, with respect to the influence of fluctuations of atmospheric pressure upon the issue of Fire Damp from Coal; to the adoption and efficient application of trustworthy indicators of the presence of Fire Damp; and, generally, to modes of systematic observation of the Air in Mines; to improved methods of Ventilation and Illumination; to employment of Explosive Agents in the getting of Minerals, and to other particulars relating to Mines and Mining Operations, the resources of Science furnish any practicable expedients that are not now in use, and are calculated to prevent the occurrence of Accidents, or limit their disastrous consequences.

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and discretion, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you the said Warington Wilkinson Smyth, Sir George Elliot, Frederick Augustus Abel, John Tyndall, Thomas Burt, Robert Bellamy Clifton, William Thomas Lewis, and Lindsay Wood, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said Inquiry.

And for the better enabling you, Our said Commissioners, to make the said inquiries, We do by

these presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to call before you or any three or more of you, such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the matters herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And also to call for and examine all such books, documents, papers, or records, as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this Our Commission, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do further by these presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places in Our United Kingdom as you may deem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid, and to employ such persons as you may think fit to assist you in conducting any Inquiry which you may hold.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you or any three or more of you, do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals, upon the matters referred to you as aforesaid, and that you may have power to certify unto Us from time to time your several proceedings in respect of the matters aforesaid, if it may seem expedient for you so to do.

And We do further will and command, and by these presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And for your assistance in the execution of these presents, We do hereby authorize and empower you to appoint a Secretary to this Our Commission, to attend you, whose services and assistance We require you to use from time to time as occasion may require.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the twelfth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in the forty-second year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
Richard Assheton Cross.

Education Department, Whitehall,

February 12, 1879.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued orders this day for the formation of School Boards in the under-mentioned Parishes:—

Rodborne Cheney	...	Wilts
Stainmore	...	Westmorland

Education Department, Whitehall,

February 12, 1879.

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued orders this day for the compulsory formation of School Boards in the undermentioned Parishes:—

Heston	...	Middlesex
Llansadwrn	...	Anglesey
Tydd St. Giles	...	Cambridge

and in the undermentioned United District:—

Llanbaddock, Monkswood, and Glascoed (comprising the parishes of Glascoed, Llanbaddock, and Monkswood)	...	Monmouth
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