

of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885, and whether the operation of that Act might be expedited and extended, especially in the congested districts, by providing security, through the intervention of Local Authorities, for loans advanced from public funds for the purchase of land; and also to report whether any modifications of the law are necessary:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, discretion, and ability, have authorized and appointed, and by these presents do authorize and appoint you, the said Francis Thomas De Grey, Earl Cowper, Edward Nugent, Earl of Milltown, Sir James Caird, John Chute Neligan, and George Fottrell, to be Our Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these presents authorize and empower you, or any two or more of you, to call before you, or any two or more of you, such persons as you may judge necessary to examine, and by whom you may be the better informed in the several matters hereby submitted for your consideration, and everything connected therewith, and generally to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever; and also to call for, have access to, and examine, such books, documents, papers, writings, or records as you, or any two or more of you, shall judge likely to afford the fullest information concerning the several matters hereby submitted for your consideration.

And We also by these presents authorize and empower you, or any two or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you, or any two or more of you, may deem expedient for the more effectually carrying out the purposes aforesaid.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you, or any two or more of you, do report to Us, with all convenient speed, in writing under your hands and seals, your several proceedings by virtue of this Our Commission, and what you shall find touching or concerning the premises, together with your opinion upon the matters hereby referred for your consideration.

And We further will and command and by these presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our Commissioners, do from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And for your further assistance in the execution of these presents, We do hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Francis George Hodder, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission, and We require you to use his services and assistance from time to time, as occasion may require.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the twenty-ninth day of *September*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in the fiftieth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
Henry Matthews.

Whitehall, September 30, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Thomas Clark, of Melville Crescent, in the City of Edinburgh, Lord Provost of the said City, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Downing Street, September 29, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, P.C., G.C.M.G. (Governor of the Cape of Good Hope), to be Her Majesty's Commissioner to enquire into the affairs of the Colony of Mauritius.

St. James's Palace, September 26, 1886.

HER Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany has been pleased to appoint Miss Philippa Augusta Maria Baillie to be Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness, in the room of Miss Marie Perceval, resigned, and to appoint Miss Marie Perceval to be Extra Lady in Waiting to Her Royal Highness.

(C. 3931.)

*Board of Trade Whitehall Gardens,
September 30, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Lisbon, enclosing translation of a Decree, directing the Custom House authorities of Portugal and the adjacent Islands to enforce stringently the regulations with regard to Bills of Lading and Manifests in the case of cargoes of timber in boards (Tabuado). The regulations in question require that Bills of Lading should specify the number of parcels, weight, or dimensions of the same, and the amount of freight; and Manifests, besides tallying exactly with the Bills of Lading as regards the above particulars, must state the value of the merchandise as well as its origin, and in addition to the signature of the Captain of the vessel, must be certified by the Portuguese Consul at the port from which the goods were brought.

Captains will be liable for any omission of the above particulars to the penalties laid down in the Portuguese fiscal laws and regulations.

(H. 6052.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, September 29, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, stating that the eleven days' quarantine imposed on arrivals from Sardinia applies to ships leaving on or before the 25th instant.

(H. 6063.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, September 29, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Therapia, stating that the ten days' quarantine imposed on arrivals from Cagliari and Sardinian ports is applicable to departures since the 22nd instant.

(H. 6064.)

*Board of Trade, (Harbour Department),
London, September 29, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon, intimating that the ports of Santos, Rio Janeiro, and its province are free from yellow fever from the 27th August last.

(H. 6081.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, September 29, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy