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BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

INQUIRY.

MR. SECRETARY CHAMBERLAIN desires to give public notice that on the 30th ultimo the HOUSE OF COMMONS ordered—

“That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the origin and circumstances of the incursion into the South African Republic by an armed force, and into the administration of the British South Africa Company, and to report thereon; and, further, to report what alterations are desirable in the government of the territories under the control of the Company.” And, further, “That the Committee have leave to hear Counsel to such extent as they shall see fit, and have power to send for persons, papers, and records.”

The Committee was nominated on the 11th instant, and at a meeting on the 14th instant it reported to the HOUSE as follows:—

“Your Committee have met to consider the Matters referred to them, and have discussed the nature of the information which should be supplied, but seeing that it is not possible for them to commence the inquiry at this period of the Session, they recommend that a Committee on the same subject should be appointed in the next Session.”

This Report was upon the same day adopted and ordered by the HOUSE OF COMMONS to be printed and the Committee will no doubt be re-appointed in January next, so soon as the Address to the Throne has been voted.

At the afore-mentioned meeting of the Committee upon the 11th instant, Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, who was one of the members nominated by the House to serve upon it, was requested by the other members to publicly invite—and he hereby publicly invites—all persons who can throw any light on any part of the matters referred to the Committee, and who desire to give evidence, to notify their wishes to the Colonial Office, specifying as to what branch of the inquiry they propose to testify, giving particulars of their intended evidence, and stating at what address a summons from the Select Committee would reach them during the next Session of Parliament.

These communications should be addressed to the

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

The receipt of each will be acknowledged in due course, and the whole will be handed over

when Parliament is again in Session to the Committee Clerk of the HOUSE OF COMMONS appointed to attend upon the Committee.

Downing Street, August 24, 1896.

Whitehall, August 20, 1896.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Arthur Hugo Leather (calling himself Arthur Hugo Leather-Culley), of Fowberry Tower, in the parish of Chatton, in the county of Northumberland, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace for the said county, and unto Jane Darling, his wife, only child and heir of George Culley (formerly George Darling), late of Fowberry Tower aforesaid, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and one of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Woods and Forests, deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that they may continue to use the surname of Culley in addition to and after that of Leather, that he may bear the arms of Culley quarterly in the first and fourth quarters with his own family arms, and that such surname and arms of Culley may in like manner be taken, borne, and used by the issue of their marriage; the said arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's said College of Arms.

Admiralty, 21st August, 1896.

THE undermentioned Surgeons have been promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet. Dated 21st August, 1896:—

Edward Bridges Townsend.
Alexander Gascoigne Wildey.
Patrick Brodie Handyside, M.B.
Harold Rochester Osborne.
James Macdonald Rogers.
Chaworth Louis Nolan, M.B.
Harold Frederic Dale Stephens, M.B.
Edward Copley Ward, M.D.
William Robert Minching Young.
Herbert William Gibbs Doyne.
Samuel Wellesley Johnson, M.B.
George Albert Dreaper.
Alexander Fleming Harper.
Hubert William Austin Burke.