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War Office, August 31, 1897.

WARRANT for appointing a Commissioner of the Patriotic Fund.

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To Our dear Grandson and Councillor George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of York, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle,

Whereas by the Patriotic Fund Act of 1881, it was, among other things, enacted that "it should be lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, by Warrant under Her Sign Manual, to appoint any person to fill any vacancy among the Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund which has arisen, either before or after the passing of this Act, from death, resignation, or otherwise."

And, whereas, since the date of the last Commission, a vacancy has so occurred;

Now, know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and ability, do, by these presents, authorize and appoint you, the said George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of York, to be a Commissioner of and for the administration of the Patriotic Fund.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne*, this twenty-fourth day of *August*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, in the sixty-first year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's command,
Lansdowne.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, August 24, 1897.*

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Luitbert George Alexander Lionel Alphonse Freiherr von Pawel Rammingen to be a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Foreign Office, May 14, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Robert John Kennedy, Esq., C.M.G., to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident at the Court of Montenegro.

Foreign Office, July 1, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Henry Doveton Haggard, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident at Caracas.

Foreign Office, July 14, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Alexander Condie Stephen, K.C.M.G., C.B., to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident at the Courts of Saxony and Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Downing Street, August 31, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of Albert Palliser Marryat, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago.

Whitehall, August 28, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the 21st instant, to grant the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto George Cotton, Esq., Sheriff of Bombay, and President of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Admiralty, 25th August, 1897.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.
Quartermaster and Honorary Lieutenant Francis Powell, Retired List, is granted the honorary rank of Captain. Dated 11th March, 1897.

Admiralty, 27th August, 1897.

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Staff Commander George Spinluff Ralph has been placed on the Retired List, with permission to assume the rank of Captain. Dated 19th August, 1897.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Captain William Sydney Cumming to be Major, vice Quill, to half-pay on appointment as Barrackmaster. Dated 14th August, 1897.

Captain Francis Joliffe Raitt to be Major, vice Kitching, retired. Dated 17th August, 1897.

Lieutenant Arthur Egmont Rombulow-Pearse to be Captain, vice Cumming, promoted. Dated 14th August, 1897.

Lieutenant Ernest Sacheverell Coke to be Captain, vice Raitt, promoted. Dated 17th August, 1897.