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FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1899.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 14th day of July, 1899.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The London Government Act, 1899," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty in Council to refer to a Committee of the Privy Council the appointment of Commissioners to prepare such Orders and Schemes as are required for carrying the Act into effect, and that the Committee may settle the Orders and Schemes so prepared, and may employ such persons as they deem necessary for the purposes of the Act:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to appoint—

The Lord President of the Council,
The Secretary of State for the Home Department,
The President of the Local Government Board,
The Right Honourable Lord James of Hereford,
The Right Honourable Charles Thomson Ritchie, M.P.
The Right Honourable John Lloyd Wharton, M.P., and
The Right Honourable Edmond Robert Wodehouse, M.P.,

or any three of them, to be a Committee of the Privy Council for the purposes of "The London Government Act, 1899." *A. W. FitzRoy.*

Lord Chamberlain's Office, July 14, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Wednesday, the 26th instant, on every week day, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

At the Court at Windsor, July 11, 1899.

THE Queen, as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, has been graciously pleased, by Letters Patent under Her Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, bearing date this day, to dispense with all the Statutes and Regulations usually observed in regard to Installation, and to grant unto the Most Noble Henry George, Duke of Northumberland, Knight

of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and duly invested with the Ensigns thereof, full power and authority to exercise all rights and privileges belonging to a Knight Companion of the said Most Noble Order of the Garter, in as full and ample a manner as if his Grace had been formally installed; any decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

War Office, July 14, 1899.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companion, of the said Most Honourable Order, viz. :—
Frederick Graham, Esq., Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Foreign Office, April 10, 1899.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint John Charles Tudor Vaughan, Esq., to be a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

Foreign Office, June 1, 1899.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Augustus Alfred Merlin, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Province of Thessaly, to reside at Volo;
Romulus Henry Pernis, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul in the Island of Sardinia, to reside at Cagliari;
Cecil William Gustav Gosling, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Republic of Paraguay, to reside at Asuncion;
Paul Ladenburg, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Grand Duchy of Baden, to reside at Mannheim;
Charles Ceccarelli-Morgan, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for Central Italy, including the Provinces of Rome, Perugia, Ascoli, and Macerata, to reside at Rome;
Charles Seymour Hampson, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Smyrna; and
Raphael Antonio Tontana, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Uscub.