

Order of the Indian Empire, Rear-Admiral on the Retired List of Our Navy; and Our trusty and well-beloved John Edward Ellis, Esquire; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the present administration of the Port of London and the water approaches thereto; the adequacy of the accommodation provided for vessels, and the loading and unloading thereof; the system of charge for such accommodation and the arrangements for warehousing dutiable goods; and to report whether any change or improvement in regard to any of the above matters is necessary for the promotion of the trade of the port and the public interest:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, constitute, and appoint, you, the said Wilbraham, Earl Egerton; John, Baron Revelstoke; Alfred Lyttelton; Sir Robert Giffen; Sir John Wolfe-Barry; Sir John Hext; and John Edward Ellis, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have access to, and examine, all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject; and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect 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 We do by these Presents will and 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, 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 We do further ordain that you, or any three or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the twenty-first day of June, one thousand nine hundred, in the sixty-fourth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
M. W. Ridley.

Westminster, June 25, 1900.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquaint-

ing them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1900.

Uganda Railway Act, 1900.

Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1900.

Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1900.

Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1900.

Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1900.

Rhymney Iron Company's Act, 1900.

Church's Patent Act, 1900.

Otley Urban District Council (Waterworks) Act, 1900.

Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway Act, 1900.

Higham Ferrers Water Act, 1900.

Cleethorpes Gas Act, 1900.

Dundee Harbour (Amendment) Act, 1900.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Act, 1900.

Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company Limited Act, 1900.

Southport Water Act, 1900.

Hastings Harbour Act, 1900.

Maidenhead Gas Act, 1900.

Glastonbury Corporation Gas Act, 1900.

Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1900.

Central London Railway Act, 1900.

Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board Act, 1900.

Dorking Water Act, 1900.

North Pembrokehire Water and Gas Act, 1900.

Menstone Waterworks (Transfer) Act, 1900.

Newport Corporation Act, 1900.

Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Urban District Gas Act, 1900.

Cowes Pier Act, 1900.

Great Central Railway Act, 1900.

(F. & H. 9567.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 26, 1900.

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 Tangier, intimating that Rio de Janeiro is declared infected with plague, and that other ports of Brazil are considered suspicious.

(F. & H. 9568.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 26, 1900.

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 Alexandria, intimating that clean bills of health are now issued.

(F. & H. 9653.)

Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, June 26, 1900.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at the Gambia, intimating that the French Colony