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.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Louis John Hewby, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at Sandringham, the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and two, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command, A. Akers-Douglas.

Whitehall, November 28, 1902.

The KING has been pleased to direct the preparation of Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual authorizing Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, conferring the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom upon each of the undermentioned Gentlemen and the heirs male of their respective bodies lawfully begotten, viz.:-

Matthew Arthur, of Carlung, in the parish of West Kilbride, in the county of Ayr, Esq.; Frederick George Banbury, of Warneford Place,

in the parish of Highworth, in the county of Wilts, Esq.;

Alexander Hargreaves Brown, of Broome Hall, in the parish of Capel, in the county of Surrey,

Chisholm, of Belhaven-terrace, in the Samuel parish of Govan, in the county of the city of Glasgow, and of St. John's Mount, Dunblane, in the parish of Dunblane, in the county of Perth, Esq.;

William Thomas Makins, of Rotherfield Court, in the parish of Henley-on-Thames, in the county of Oxford, Esq., Honorary Colonel 1st Essex,

Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers); John Gardiner Nutting, of St. Helen's, Booters-

town, in the county of Dublin, Esq.; Augustus Prevost, of Westbourne-terrace, in the borough of Paddington, in the county of

London, Esq.; Charles Bine Renshaw, of Coldharbour, in the parish of Wivelsfield, in the county of Sussex, of Barochan, in the parish of Houston, and of Garvocks, in the parish of Greenock, both in the county of Renfrew, Esq.

Whitehall, December 1, 1902:

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Edbert Ausgar Hewett, Esq., Chairman of the Municipal Council for the International Settlements and Chairman of the Watch Committee at Shaughai, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Imperial Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan in recognition of valuable services rendered to His Imperial Majesty during the disturbances in China in the year 1900.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

In pursuance of section 118 of the above Act, the Right Honourable Aretas Akers-Douglas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Inspectors of Factories and Workshops:

 Mr. George Elmhirst Duckering. Mr. Frederic George Mudford. Whitehall, December 1, 1902.

The Lord Chancellor's Office.

RULE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1888, SEC. 89 (3).

The following Rule has been issued by the authority for making Rules of the Supreme

The Sheriffs of the county of London and of the county of Middlesex respectively shall execute and obey all precepts and process which the Judges or proper officers of the High Court of Justice shall award, issue, and direct unto them respectively, and shall, whenever required and commanded, summon and return from the said county of Loudon and the said county of Middlesex a competent number of persons qualified according to law to enquire of, present, and try all offences, issues, and other matters cognizable by the Justices of the High Court of Justice within the boundaries of the county of the county of London and the county of Middlesex, and the persons returned from the said county of London and the said county of Middlesex, whether taken wholly from the said county of London or from the said county of Middlesex, or taken indiscriminately from the said county of London and the said county of Middlesex, shall have authority to enquire of, present, hear, try, and determine all such offences and other matters, and all issues and all matters of fact arising out of such trials, or relating thereto, as if the said county of London and the said county of Middlesex were one county.

The above Rule is declared urgent within the meaning of the Rules Publication Act, and copies may be obtained on application at the Lord Chancellor's Office, House of Lords.

28 November, 1902.

Foreign Office, July 4, 1902.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Victor Alexander Sereld Hay, Esq., commonly called Lord Kilmarnock, to be a Third Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

> Foreign Office, September 1, 1902.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint George Dixon Grahame, Esq.; George Young, Esq.; John Lawrence Baird, Esq.; and Claud Frederick William Russell, Esq., to be Second Secretaries in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

> Foreign Office, Öctober 15, 1902.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Harry Edward Spiller Cordeaux, Esq., C.M.G., a Lieutenant in His Majesty's Army, to be His Majesty's Consul at Berbera; and William Southern Malcolm Jones, Esq., to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Zaila.

> Foreign Office, October 30, 1902.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Francis Oswald Lindley, Esq., commonly called the Honourable Francis Oswald Lindley, to be a Second Secretary in His Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

> Foreign Office, November 22, 1902.

The KING has been pleased to approve of Mr. E. E. Petrocochino as Consul-General of Greece at Malta; Mr. H. W. Solomon as Consul of the Netherlands at St. Helena; and Mr. V. Hänschell as Consul of Denmark at Barbadoes.