

And whereas enquiry is expedient:—

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, discretion, and ability, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said Victor Alexander, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Alexander Smith, Baron Kinnear, and Sir Ralph William Anstruther to be Our Commissioners to enquire into all the facts connected with the said funds and properties, and to report as to whether any or what action should be taken thereon by legislation or otherwise.

And for the better enabling you, Our said Commissioners, to make the said enquiry, We do by these Presents authorize and empower you to call before you, or any two of you, such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the matters herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith; and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such books, documents, papers, or records, as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this Our Commission; and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do further by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any two of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals upon the matters referred to you as aforesaid, and that you may have power to certify to Us, from time to time, your several proceedings in respect of the matters aforesaid, if it may seem expedient to you so to do.

And We further will and command, and by these Presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any two 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 for your assistance in the execution of these Presents, We do hereby nominate and appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Alleyne Lee, Esq., Advocate, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the seventeenth day of *December*, one thousand nine hundred and four, in the fourth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
A. Graham Murray.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,
December 19, 1904.

The Secretary for Scotland has issued a Commission to Sir John Cheyne, K.C., in the terms following:—

Whereas a Commission has been appointed under the Royal Sign Manual to enquire and report as to matters concerning the ordering of the properties General and Congregational held in connection with the Free Church of Scotland as it existed prior to the thirty-first day of October, 1900, and it is very desirable that,

pending such investigation, litigation should be suspended and opportunities afforded for congregations to worship and provision made for the *interim* use and occupation of churches, mansees, mission halls, and other like properties: Now therefore I, the undersigned, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby appoint Sir John Cheyne, K.C., as Commissioner forthwith to examine into the circumstances connected with the actual occupation and use of the churches, mansees, mission halls, and other like properties connected with the Free Church of Scotland prior to the thirty-first day of October, 1900: and to determine, without prejudice to the eventual rights of parties, what should be the *interim* state of possession of the said properties until the whole matter is regulated by Act of Parliament or further determined by action at law; and I appoint James C. Pitman, Esq., Advocate, as Sub-Commissioner and Secretary, with power to hold such enquiries as Sir John Cheyne may direct.

Given under my hand and Seal at Whitehall, this seventeenth day of December, 1904.



A. Graham Murray,
His Majesty's Secretary for
Scotland.

Whitehall, December 19, 1904.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 17th instant, to appoint Sidney Arthur Taylor Rowlatt, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Recorder of the Borough of New Windsor, in the room of Alfred Tristram Lawrence, Esq., K.C. (now the Honourable Mr. Justice Lawrence), resigned.

Whitehall, December 19, 1904.

The KING was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the following Gentlemen at Buckingham Palace:—

Theodore Vivian Samuel Angier, Esq., Hill Crest, Dyke-road, Brighton.
George Washington Baxter, Esq., Ashcliff, Dundee.

(Richard) Melvill Beachcroft, Esq., 11, Craven-hill, W.

Joseph Arthur Bellamy, Esq., Yalta, Mannamhead, Plymouth.

Henry Cook, Esq., 32, Eglinton-crescent, Edinburgh.

John Lowe McCraith, Esq., Park-terrace, Nottingham.

Alfred Major, Esq., Gibraltar Close, Cookham Dean, Cookham Rise, S.O., Berks.

Charles Hayes Marriott, Esq., M.D., Harcourt House, Kibworth, Leicester.

Shirley Forster Murphy, Esq., 9, Bentinck-terrace, Regent's Park, N.W.

Major Allan Perry, M.D. (Principal Civil Medical Officer and Inspector-General of Hospitals in the Island of Ceylon), 8, Draycott-place, S.W.

Thomas Pink, Esq., Thornton House, Clapham Park.

Professor William Japp Sinclair, Victoria University, Manchester.