

the Civil Service, including the Diplomatic and Consular Services, and the legal departments;

To investigate the working and efficiency of the system of competitive examination for such appointments, and to make recommendations for any alterations or improvements in that system which may appear to be advisable; and

To consider whether the existing scheme of organization meets the requirements of the Public Service, and to suggest any modifications which may be needed therein:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you the said Antony Patrick, Baron MacDonnell (Chairman); Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire; Hubert Murray, Bishop of Southwark; Sir Kenneth Augustus Muir-Mackenzie, Sir Henry Primrose, Sir Donald MacAlister, Sir William Guy Granet, Harold Trevor Baker, Alfred Allen Booth, Arthur Boutwood, John Robert Clynes, Samuel John Gurney Hoare, Richard Durning Holt, Percy Ewing Matheson, Arthur Everett Shipley, Philip Snowden, Graham Wallas, Elizabeth Sanderson Haldane, and Lucy Anne Evelyn Streatfeild 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 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 *Saint James's*, the eighteenth day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

R. McKenna.

Marlborough House,
22nd March, 1912.

Queen ALEXANDRA has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Arthur Rowland Harry Grant, M.A., to be an Honorary Domestic Chaplain to Her Majesty.

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.,
March 22, 1912.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Sir John William Moore, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P.I., to be one of the Honorary Physicians in Ordinary to His Majesty in Ireland, in the room of Sir Francis Richard Cruise, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., deceased.

Crown Office,
March 19, 1912.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

County of Hereford, Northern or Leominster
Division.

Henry Fitzherbert Wright, Esquire, in the place of Sir James Rankin, Baronet, who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of the three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Burnham, in the county of Buckingham.

[NOTICE.]

COLONIAL STOCK ACT, 1900

(63 and 64 Vict., c. 62).

Addition to List of Stocks under section 2.

In pursuance of section 2 of the Colonial Stock Act, 1900, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, that the provisions of the Act have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned Stock registered or inscribed in the United Kingdom:—

Western Australia Government 3½ per cent. Inscribed Stock (1940/1960).

The restrictions mentioned in section 2, subsection (2), of the Trustee Act, 1893, apply to the above Stock (see Colonial Stock Act, 1900, section 2).

Treasury Chambers, S.W.
22nd March, 1912.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, under the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, 38 and 39 Vict., c. 45,