

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 have revoked and determined, and do by these Presents revoke and determine, the Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual bearing date the eighteenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, whereby the Commission was originally constituted, and the subsequent Warrant bearing date the seventeenth day of July following appointing a Commissioner to fill a vacancy; and every matter and thing therein contained.

And 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 Sir Henry Babington Smith (Chairman); Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire; Hubert Murray, Bishop of Southwark; Sir John Prescott Hewett; Sir Donald Macalister; Sir John Arrow Kempe; Samuel John Gurney Hoare; Arthur Cecil Tyrrell Beck; Alfred Allen Booth; Arthur Boutwood; John Robert Clynes; Cecil Coward; 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 enquiry.

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 enquire 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 *St. James's*, the twentieth day of *January*, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, in the fifth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,  
*R. McKenna.*

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER  
OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF  
JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

*Chancery of the Order,*  
*St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell,*  
*London, E.C., 20th January, 1915.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

*As Knight of Grace.*

Lieut.-Colonel William Ernest Jennings,  
M.D., D.P.H., I.M.S. (from Honorary  
Serving Brother).

*As Lady of Grace.*

Marion E., Mrs. Peter D. Crerar.

*As Esquires.*

Major Algernon Tudor Craig (from Honorary  
Serving Brother).

Arthur William Faire (from Honorary Associate).

Frederick Harrison.

*Crown Office,*  
*23rd January, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, dated the 22nd day of January, 1915, to grant to Sir John Eldon Bankes, Knight, one of the Justices of the High Court of Justice, the Office of one of the Lords Justices of Appeal.

*Crown Office,*  
*25th January, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the 25th day of January, 1915, to appoint Sir Frederick Low, K.C., to be one of the Justices of His Majesty's High Court of Justice.

*Whitehall, January 22, 1915.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 22nd instant, to appoint Samuel Henry Emanuel, Esq., B.A., LL.D., Barrister-at-Law, to be Recorder of the city of Winchester, in the room of Charles Alexander Spencer Garland, Esq., deceased.