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TUESDAY, 19 JUNE, 1923.

Whitehall, June 18, 1923.

The KING has been pleased to issue Commissions under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor Frederic John Napier, Viscount Chelmsford, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor William Adamson; and

Our Trusty and Well-beloved:—

Sir Walter Powell Nicholas, Knight;

George Alfred Lewis, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, upon whom We have conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Lieutenant-Colonel, late Territorial Force Reserve;

Granville Charles Hastings Wheler, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, who has been granted the permanent rank of Major on relinquishing his Commission in Our Army;

Vernon Hartshorn, Esquire, Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Hugh Reid Buchanan, Esquire;

Robert Geoffrey Ellis, Esquire;

Harold Jevons, Esquire;

Henry Louis, Esquire, Master of Arts, Doctor of Science, lately Professor of Mining, Armstrong College, University of Durham;

Montague Francis Maclean, Esquire;

Robert Forster MacSwinney, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law;

Frank Bradley Varley, Esquire; and

John David Wallis, Esquire,

Greeting!

Whereas we have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to consider the operation of the law relating to the support of the surface of the land, and of buildings or works on or under the surface, by underlying or adjacent minerals; to inquire into the extent and gravity of the damage caused by subsidence owing to the extraction of minerals and the incidence of the resulting liability; and to report what steps should be