SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL, April 10, 1902.

The King has been pleased by Warrant under His M j sty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 31st day of March 1902, to direct the issue under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland of a Commission of Inquiry into the subject of Physical Training in Scotland as follows:-

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, 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 right well-beloved Cousin William David, Earl of Mansfield (Chairman);

Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Horatio Arthur Ernest Cochrane, Esquire (commonly called the Honour ble Thomas Horatio Arthur Ernest Cochrane, Member of Parliament;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Thomas Glen-

Coats, Baronet;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Henry Craik, Knight Commander of O r Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Laws, Secretary of the Committee of Our Privy Council on Education in Scotland;

Our trusty and well-beloved Michael Hugh Shaw-Stewart, Esquire, Member of Parliament;

Our trusty and well-beloved James Carfrae Alston, Esquire, Presi lent of the Boy's Brigade.

Our trusty and well-beloved John Blackburn Fergusson, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Chairman of the School Board of Alloway; Our trusty and well-beloved George M'Crae,

Esquire, Member of Parliament; and

Our trusty and well - beloved Alexander Ogston, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Master of Surgery; Professor of Surgery in Our University

of Aberdeen. Greeting!
Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the opportunities for physical training now available in the State-aided schools and other educational institutions of Scotland; and to suggest means by which such training may be made to conduce to the welfare of the pupils; and, further, how such opportunities may be increased by continuation classes and otherwise, so as to develop, in their practical application to the requirements of life, the faculties of those who have left the day schools, and thus to contribute towards the sources of national strength.

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 William David, Earl of Mansfield; Thomas Horatio Arthur Ernest Cochrane; Sir Thomas Glen-Coats; Sir Henry Craik; Michael Hugh Shaw-Stewart; James Carfrae Alston; John Blackburn Fergusson; George M'Crae; and Alexander Ogston to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.

And for the better enabling you Our said Commissioners to make the said inquiry, We do by these Presents authorise and empower you, or any three or more of you, to call before you, or any three or more 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 con- of the Island of St. Lucia.

nected 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 inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do further by these presents authorise and empower you, or any three or more 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, or any three or more of 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 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 for your assistance in the execution of these presents, We do hereby nominate and appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Barclay Pearson, Esquire, Advocate, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at Saint James', the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and two, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE, April 7, 1902.

At a Meeting of the Privy Council held this day in the Council Chamber, Dublin Castle, the Right Honourable Lord Justice Fitzgibbon and the Right Honourable Lord Justice Holmes were sworn Lords Justices for the Government of Ireland during the absence of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

J. B. DOUGHERTY.

DOWNING STREET, April 5, 1902.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Francis Henry May, Esq., C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police), to be Colonial Secretary of the Colony of Hong Kong.

DOWNING STREET, April 7, 1902.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Edward Daniel Laborde, Esq. (Chief of Police and Inspector of Prisons), to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council