

The Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Kilmarnock.  
 The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Haddington.  
 The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Burgh of Fort-William.  
 The Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Ayr.  
 The Directors of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Guardian Society Limited for the Protection of Trade.  
 The Auldearn Parish Council.  
 The Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, convened in Commission of the General Assembly.  
 The Presbytery of Caithness.  
 The Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Troon.  
 The School Board of the Parish of Dundonald.  
 The Council of the County of Banff.  
 The Dundee Chamber of Commerce.  
 The Members of the Mearns School Board.  
 The Ministers and Elders of the Parish of Perth, Managers and Administrators of King James VI. Hospital, Perth.  
 The Presbytery of Forres.  
 The Mearns Parish Council.  
 The Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Cowdenbeath.  
 The Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland.  
 The Executive Committee of the Council of the Episcopal Church of Scotland.  
 The Presbytery of Dingwall.  
 The County Council of the County of Kincairdine.  
 The Edinburgh Pen and Pencil Club.  
 The Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Arbroath.  
 The Gaelic speaking Highlanders of the Parish of Lochs (per Major Duncan Matheson of Achany and the Lews).

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,  
 ST. JAMES' PALACE, December 1, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the State Apartments at Windsor Castle will be open to the Public, under the Regulations lately published, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 11 A.M. till 3 P.M., commencing on the 2nd instant, until further notice.

WHITEHALL, December 1, 1902.

The King has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

*EDWARD, R.*

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 well-beloved Councillor Leonard Henry Courtney, Chairman;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Alexander Henderson, Baronet;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Ralph Henry Knox, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Brampton Gurdon, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and

Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved Edward William Brabrook, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Fletcher Moulton, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Our trusty and well-beloved Willoughby Hyett Dickinson, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law;

Our trusty and well-beloved Arthur Henry Aylmer Morton, Esquire; and

Our trusty and well-beloved William George Bunn, Esquire. Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire whether it is possible so to amend the existing system of superannuation of persons in the Civil Service of the States, as to confer greater and more uniform advantages upon those to whom it applies without increasing the burden which it imposes on the taxpayer:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorised and appointed, and do by these presents authorise and appoint, you, the said Leonard Henry Courtney; Sir Alexander Henderson; Sir Ralph Henry Knox; Sir William Brampton Gurdon; Edward William Brabrook; John Fletcher Moulton; Willoughby Hyett Dickinson; Arthur Aylmer Morton; and William George Bunn, 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 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.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Louis John Hewby, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at Sandringham, the twenty-ninth day of November one thousand nine hundred and two, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

A. AKERS-DOUGLAS.