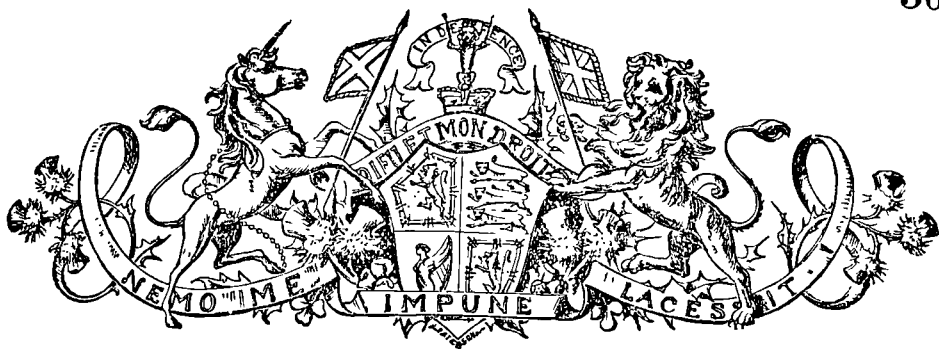


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WHITEHALL, March 24, 1906.

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

EDWARD, R. & I.

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 Osbert Cecil, Earl of Sefton, Master of Our Horse;

Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor William John Arthur Charles James, Duke of Portland, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor George William, Earl of Coventry;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Digby Wentworth Bayard, Baron Middleton;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Thomas, Baron Ribblesdale;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Henry Chaplin; and

Our trusty and well-beloved—

Sir Walter Gilbey, Baronet;

Sir John Gilmour, Baronet; and

John Bowen-Jones, Esquire; Greeting!

Whereas by Royal Warrant bearing date the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, after reciting that for many years the breeding of sound horses had been

encouraged by the gift out of the Civil List of Queen's Plates, to be won at race meetings in different parts of Great Britain, and that it appeared to Her Majesty that the Royal Bounty in that form was not so effective as could be desired, and that the said Bounty should be bestowed directly for the encouragement of horse breeding, did appoint Commissioners to consider and report as to the regulations under which the said Royal Bounty might best be expended in prizes, to be bestowed by Her Majesty at the chief Agricultural Shows in Great Britain, for the purpose of encouraging the breed and maintenance of a race of sound horses, or in such other methods as Her Majesty might approve:

And whereas We have deemed it expedient that a new Commission should issue for the purposes specified in the said Warrant:

Now Know ye that We have revoked, and determined, and do by these Presents revoke and determine the said Warrant of the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven; and the subsequent Warrants dated respectively the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and three, and every matter and thing therein contained.

And We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and discretion, and being heartily desirous to do what in Us lies for the furtherance of so important a national object, have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents authorise and appoint you the said Osbert