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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1909.

WHITEHALL, March 22, 1909.

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, Emperor of India, to

Our most dear Son and Counsellor His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Grand Master and Principal 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 the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Imperial Service Order, Admiral of Our Fleet, General of Our Forces, President;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin Victor Alexander George Robert, Earl of Lytton, Chairman ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Swire Smith, Knight, President of the Keighley Chamber of Commerce, Vice-Chairman;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Counsellor Richard de Aquila, Baron Stalbridge, representing the Railway Companies Association; Our right trusty and well-beloved Thomas, Baron Brassey, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, President of the Association of Chambers of Commerce;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Counsellor William James, Baron Pirrie, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Counsellor Sir James Rennell Rodd, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Our Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of Italy; and

Our trusty and well-beloved :---

Sir Edward John Poynter, Baronet, President of the Royal Academy.

Sir Albert Spicer, Baronet, President of the London Chamber of Commerce;

Sir William Henry Holland, Baronet;

Sir Arthur Henry Hardinge, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Our Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of the Belgians;

Sir William Henry White, Knight Commander of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Sir William de Wiveleslie Abney, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, late Captain of Our Corps of Royal Engineers;