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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1911.

WHITEHALL, August 28, 1911.

**T**HE King has been pleased to issue a Commission 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 Counsellor Sir David Harrel, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Imperial Service Order; and

Our trusty and well-beloved—

Sir Thomas Ratchiffe Ratchiffe-Ellis, Knight;

Charles Gabriel Beale, Esquire;

Arthur Henderson, Esquire; and

John Burnett, Esquire, Greeting!

Whereas it hath been represented unto Us that a Commission should forthwith issue to investigate the working of the Railway Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme, signed on behalf of the principal Railway Companies and of three Trade Unions of Railway employes at the Board of Trade on November 6th, 1907, and to report what changes (if any) are desirable with a view to the prompt and satisfactory settlement of differences:

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

Sir David Harrel (Chairman); Sir Thomas Ratchiffe Ratchiffe-Ellis; Charles Gabriel Beale; Arthur Henderson; and John Burnett 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 two 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 authorise and empower you, or any two or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid:

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 two 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 two 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: