

together with any incidents of the legalized purchase system which may be found to be connected with the same ;

Now know ye, that we, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these presents authorize and appoint you, the said Sir George Grey, William Reginald, Earl of Devon, Jonathan Peel, George Ward Hunt, Sir William Milbourne James, Sir James Yorke Scarlett, Thomas M. Steele, Samuel Whitbread, and Philip Henry Muntz, or any three or more of you, to be Our Commissioners for making the inquiry aforesaid. And We do hereby authorize and empower you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, to obtain information thereupon by the examination of all persons most competent by reason of their knowledge, habits, or experience, to afford it ; and also by calling for all documents, papers, and records which may appear to you, or any three or more of you, calculated to assist your researches, and to promote the formation of a sound judgment on the subject.

And We do hereby require and command you, or any three or more of you, to report to Us, under your hands and seals, with all convenient speed

The extent and manner in which the said practice may have been carried on.

The incidents of the practice, and the circumstances under which the person who may have paid any such sum has been accustomed to receive the like sum back on the sale of his Commission, or otherwise, and the circumstances under which the sum paid has been irrecoverable.

The degree of recognition which this practice may have received from any of Our public departments or officers, and how far any Statutes which now or heretofore may have prohibited the said practice, and any Royal Warrants and Regulations affecting the same, have been actually enforced.

And generally, to report upon the facts of the whole case.

And We 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, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And for your assistance in the due execution of these presents, We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved Ralph Henry Knox, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission, and to attend you, whose service and assistance We require you to use from time to time, as occasion shall require.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-third year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

WAR-OFFICE, PALL-MALL,
April 8, 1870.

2d Regiment of Dragoon Guards—Francis James Ashburner, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Charles A. de Neufville Lucas, permitted to receive the value of his Commission on transfer to the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 9th April 1870.

Dudley Albert Hambrough, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Henry F. E. Lucas, permitted to receive the value of his Commission on transfer to the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 10th April 1870.

4th Dragoon Guards—Cornet Mervyn Chaloner Stephen Tynte to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Edwin Black Hawkins, who retires. Dated 9th April 1870.

5th Lancers—Gentleman Cadet Cecil William Norton, from the Royal Military College, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Malam, promoted. Dated 9th April 1870.

6th Dragoons—George Gilbert Joseph Thackeray, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Tonge, promoted. Dated 9th April 1870.

8th Hussars—Ensign Robert Nassau Sutton, from 70th Foot, to be Cornet, vice Paley, promoted. Dated 9th April 1870.

Abel Serge Henry d'Avigdor, gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Abbott, promoted. Dated 9th April 1870.

16th Lancers—Troop Serjeant-Major George Graham to be Cornet, without purchase, vice A. Scott, deceased. Dated 9th April 1870.

19th Hussars—Troop Serjeant-Major Henry Edmonds Kynaston, from 21st Hussars, to be Cornet, vice Cook, a Probationer for the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 9th April 1870.

21st Hussars—Captain and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Powlett Lane to be Major, vice Henry Erskine Forbes, who retires on a pension. Dated 9th April 1870.

Lieutenant R. C. D'E. Spottiswoode to be Captain, vice Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Lane. Dated 9th April 1870.

Cornet Frederick William Benson to be Lieutenant, vice Spottiswoode. Dated 9th April 1870.

Surgeon Gavin Ainslie Turnbull, having completed twenty years' full-pay service, to be Surgeon-Major, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of 1st April 1867. Dated 15th March 1870.

Royal Artillery—Surgeon John Gibbons, having completed twenty years' full-pay service, to be Surgeon-Major, under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of 1st April 1867. Dated 22d March 1870.

Grenadier Guards—Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel W. H. B. de Horsey to be Major, vice Brevet-Colonel Henry F. Ponsonby, who retires upon half-pay. Dated 9th April 1870.

Lieutenant and Captain Thomas Ferdinand Fairfax to be Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Henry Charles Eden Malet, who retires. Dated 9th April 1870.

Lieutenant and Captain Charles Fludyer to be Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice the Honourable William Edward Sackville West, who retires. Dated 9th April 1870.