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WHITEHALL, July 7, 1879.

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the effect following, viz. :—

VICTORIA, R.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, to the Most Reverend Father in God, Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Councillor, Archibald Campbell, Archbishop of Canterbury; Our right trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor, Gathorne, Viscount Cranbrook; the Right Reverend Father in God, Harvey, Bishop of Carlisle; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor, John Duke, Baron Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas Division of Our High Court of Justice; Our trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Mather Jackson, Bart., one of Our Counsel learned in the law; Our trusty and well beloved Alexander James Beresford Beresford-Hope, Esq.; and Our trusty and well beloved Charles Dalrymple, Esq., greeting!

Whereas We have thought it expedient that a Commission should issue to inquire into the condition of the several Cathedral Churches in England and Wales, and the Cathedral Church of Christ Church, in the University of Oxford, and into the duties of the members and ministers thereof, and other matters connected therewith; and whether any further legislation with respect to the same is expedient, and especially whether further powers should be granted for revising from time to time the Statutes of the several Capitular Bodies, and, if so, by what authority

and in what manner such powers should be exercised.

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, knowledge, and discretion, have authorized and appointed, and by these presents do authorize and appoint you, the said Archibald Campbell, Archbishop of Canterbury; Gathorne, Viscount Cranbrook; Harvey, Bishop of Carlisle; John Duke, Baron Coleridge; Sir Henry Mather Jackson; Alexander James Beresford Beresford-Hope; and Charles Dalrymple, —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 four or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any four or more of you, such persons as you shall judge necessary by whom you may be the better informed on the subject of this Our Commission, and every matter and thing connected therewith; and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such official books, documents, papers, and records as may afford the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And Our will and pleasure is that you, or any four or more of you, do and shall with all convenient speed make to Us under your hands and seals respectively, a separate report in the case of each Cathedral Church upon the several matters herein submitted for your consideration; and that eight weeks before entering on the consideration of the separate report to be made with respect to a Cathedral Church, you shall by writing give notice to the Dean and Chapter thereof of your