



SUPPLEMENT

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THE Queen has been graciously pleased to issue a Commission under Her Royal Sign Manual, of which the following is a copy :

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith :

To,

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Jonathan Peel, Esquire, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Pleydell Bouverie, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Edward Pleydell Bouverie;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Alexander Woodford, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath and Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, General of Our Forces;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir George Brown, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, General of Our Forces ;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, James Alexander, Earl of Rosslyn, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Brereton, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Major-General of Our Forces ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Sandham, Esquire, Major-General of Our Forces;

Our trusty and well-beloved David Russell, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Major-General of Our Forces;

Our trusty and well-beloved Randal Rumley, Esquire, Major-General of Our Forces; Greeting :

Whereas We thought it expedient by Our Royal presents, dated the 12th day of April, 1858,

to authorize and appoint a Commission to enquire into the working of the system of promotion recommended in the report of a Royal Commission of 1854, and into the question of Promotion and Retirement in the higher ranks of the Army, commencing with the rank of Major :

And whereas it has been represented to Us that 21 Officers who were promoted to the rank of Colonel in the years 1855 and 1856 as Our Aides-de-Camp and for Distinguished Service in the Crimean War, consider that by the operation of the Royal Warrant of 14th October, 1858, founded on the recommendation of the Royal Commission of 1858, they have been deprived, to an undue extent, of the position they attained by the promotion conferred upon them :

And Whereas it has also been represented to Us that certain Captains and Lieutenant-Colonels of the Guards, who were promoted to that rank between the 20th June, 1854, and the issuing of the Warrant of 6th October of that year, consider that their positions in the Army have been unduly injured by the operation of the said Warrant of 6th October, 1854, and also by the subsequent Warrant of 14th October, 1858.

Now 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 Jonathan Peel, the Honourable Edward Pleydell Bouverie, Sir Alexander Woodford, Sir George Brown, James Alexander Earl of Rosslyn, Sir William Brereton, Henry Sandham, David Russell, and Randal Rumley, to be Our Commissioners to enquire into the claims of the said Officers.

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, or records which may appear to you, or any three or more of you, calculated to assist your re-

searches, and to promote the formation of a sound judgment on the subject.

And We do hereby command and require you, or any three or more of you, to report to Us, under your hands and seals, with all convenient speed, your opinion whether these officers are entitled to any redress, and if so, to recommend in what form such redress should be accorded to them.

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, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

We further will and command that Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Jonathan Peel, Esquire, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces, be appointed Chairman of this Our Commission.

And for your further assistance in the due execution of these presents, We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Cave-Browne-Cave, Esquire, to be Secretary to this

Our Commission, whose services and assistance We require you to use from time to time as occasion may require.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, this eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, in the twenty-sixth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

de Grey & Ripon.

N.B.—It is requested that any Officer, whose interests may be affected by the above, and who wishes to be examined by, or make any statement to, the Commissioners, will forward his application to Mr. Cave, at the War Office, with the least possible delay.