

tenant-Colonel in the Hampshire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry, and one of Our Aides-de-Camp, with the rank of Colonel in the Yeomanry;

To Our trusty and well-beloved William Paulet, commonly called Lord William Paulet, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Major-General in Our Army, and Adjutant-General of Our Forces;

To Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Samuel Morton Peto, Baronet;

To Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Duncan Alexander Cameron, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Major-General in Our Army;

To Our trusty and well-beloved George Balfour, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Major-General in Our Army;

To Our trusty and well-beloved Frederick Edward Chapman, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Colonel in Our Army;

To Our trusty and well-beloved John Wilson Patten, Esquire, Colonel of the Third Royal Lancashire Militia, one of Our Aides-de-Camp;

To Our trusty and well-beloved Samuel Whitbread, Esquire;

To Our trusty and well-beloved Myles William O'Reilly, Esquire;

To Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Parker Radcliffe, Esquire, Colonel in Our Army;

Whereas it has been reported to Us, that the number of Recruits required to be annually raised for Our Army is now greatly larger than the number formerly required to be annually raised, and that it is consequently desirable to revise the existing arrangements for the recruiting of Our Army, and to inquire how far that recruiting and the general organization of Our Army has been affected beneficially or otherwise by the Act 10 and 11 Victoria, cap. 37, intituled "An Act for limiting the time of service in the Army."

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and ability, have authorized and appointed, and by these presents do authorize and appoint you, the said Fox Earl of Dalhousie, William Lygon Earl of Longford, Charles Viscount Eversley, William Paulet commonly called Lord William Paulet, Sir Samuel Morton Peto, Sir Duncan Alexander Cameron, George Balfour, Frederick Edward Chapman, John Wilson Patten, Samuel Whitbread, Myles William O'Reilly, and Robert Parker Radcliffe, to be Our Commissioners to enquire into the operation of the Laws at present in force for raising Men to serve in Our Army, and into the existing system of recruiting Our Army, and, after full and careful consideration of these important subjects, to report to Us any changes in the existing Laws and Regulations affecting the raising of Men for Our Army, which would, in your judgment, tend to facilitate Recruiting, and to retain in Our Army a due number of Men who have completed their first period of service.

And for the better discovery of the truth in the premises, We do, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority to make such inquiry as aforesaid, either in London or at the Recruiting Depôts, or other places of the United Kingdom, as to your judgments may seem best, and in the manner which you may deem most expedient, and to call before you, or any three or more of you, such persons as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the

truth of the premises, and to inquire of the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do further, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority, where the same shall appear to be requisite, to administer an oath or oaths to any person or persons whomsoever, to be examined before you, or any three or more of you, touching or concerning the premises.

And We do further, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority, to cause all persons to bring and produce before you, or any three or more of you, all and singular records, books, papers, and other writings, touching the premises, which shall be in the custody of any of them.

And We further will and command, and by these presents ordain, that this, Our Commission, shall continue in full force and virtue, and that Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may, from time to time, proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein mentioned, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do hereby command all and singular the Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, Officers, Ministers, and all other Our loving subjects whomsoever, as well within liberties as without, to be assistant to you, and each of you, in the execution of these presents.

And for your assistance in the due execution of this Our Commission We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved John Milton, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission, and to attend you, whose services and assistance, as well as the services and assistance of such Clerks and other persons as may appear to you to be necessary, We require you to use from time to time, as occasion shall require.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James'*, this ninth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, in the twentieth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

(Signed) *Hartington.*

*Board of Green Cloth, Buckingham Palace,  
May 8, 1866.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Otho Augustus FitzGerald (commonly called Lord Otho FitzGerald) to be Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household, in the room of the Right Honourable William Coufts Keppel (commonly called Viscount Bury), resigned.

*St. James's Palace, May 8, 1866.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable George Augustus Constantine, Marquis of Normanby, to be one of the Lords in Waiting in ordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of George, Lord Rivers, deceased.