

time to time as to you or any ten or more of you may appear to be most expedient, having regard not only to the said rubrics, orders, and directions contained in the said Book of Common Prayer, but also to any other laws or customs relating to the matters aforesaid, with power to suggest any alterations, improvements, or amendments, with respect to such matters or any of them as you or any ten or more of you may think fit to recommend :

And whereas it has further been represented unto us that some alterations may advantageously be made in the Proper Lessons appointed to be read in morning and evening prayer on the Sundays and holydays throughout the year, and in the calendar with the table of First and Second Lessons contained in the said Book of Common Prayer :

Now, We hereby further enjoin you or any ten or more of you, after you have completed and reported on the matters referred to in the former part of this Commission, to inquire into and consider the Proper Lessons so appointed to be read as aforesaid, and the table of First and Second Lessons contained in the said Book of Common Prayer, with the view of suggesting and reporting to Us whether any and what alterations and amendments may be advantageously made in the selection of lessons to be read at the time of Divine Service :

And for the better discovery of the truth in the premises, We do by these presents give and grant unto you, or any ten or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any ten or more of you, such persons as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the truth in the premises, and to inquire of the premises and every part thereof, by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever :

And Our further will and pleasure is that you, Our said Commissioners, do with as little delay as may be consistent with a due discharge of the duties hereby imposed upon you, certify unto us under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any ten or more of you, your several proceedings in the premises :

And we do further 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 ten or more of you, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter or thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment :

And for your assistance in the execution of this Our Commission, We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved William Francis Kemp, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be the Secretary to this Our Commission, and to attend you, whose services and assistance We require you to use, from time to time as occasion may require.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the third day of *June*, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, in the thirtieth year of Our reign,

By Her Majesty's Command,

GATHORNE HARDY.

St. James's Palace, June 4, 1867.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Reverend William Drake, Honorary Canon of Worcester, and Honorary Chaplain in Ordinary to Her Majesty, to be one of the Chaplains in Ordinary to Her Majesty.

St. James's Palace, June 4, 1867.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Honourable and Reverend Francis Edmund Cecil Byng, late Chaplain to Her Majesty at Hampton Court Palace, to be one of the Honorary Chaplains in Ordinary to Her Majesty.

Foreign Office, June 4, 1867.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Th. Probst as Consul at Hong Kong for His Majesty the King of Prussia.

Downing Street, June 5, 1867.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Hugh Bold Gibb, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Thomas Brown, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of Her Majesty's Settlement on the River Gambia, on the Western Coast of Africa

Board of Trade, Whitehall, June 4, 1867.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of "The Albert Medal of the First Class" on :—

SAMUEL LAKE, of the Bombay Reclamation Company's Works ;
W. H. MILLETT, Third Officer on board the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamship "Emeu;" and
The Rev. CHARLES COBB, Rector of Dymchurch, in the county of Kent.

Her Majesty has also been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of "The Albert Medal of the Second Class" on :—

JOHN BATIST, Boatman at the Dymchurch Coast Guard Station.
JOHN DONOVAN, Chief Boatman in charge of the Old Head Coast Guard Station, Kinsale ; and
CHARLES SPRANKLING, Chief Boatman at the Burton Coast Guard Station.

The following are the services in respect of which the decorations have been conferred :—

1. The "Diamond," of Calcutta, wrecked at Breach Candy, near Bombay.

The ship "Diamond," of Calcutta, from Jeddo for Calcutta, having on board the master, his wife, the mate, and another European, a crew of 47 Lascars, about 400 passengers (Mahommedan pilgrims), and a cargo of salt, experienced bad