

Commisson, greater efficacy, power, and support might be given to the benevolent desires of Our loving Subjects; And also that the respective claims, merits, and necessities of individual claimants would be duly inquired into: And that by permitting assistance to be rendered by the Officers of Our Civil, Military, and Naval Services, We might prevent the wrong application, by misrepresentation or otherwise, of those contributions which Our loving Subjects might thereafter, during the continuance of that Our Royal Commission, for the several purposes aforesaid, generously and benevolently supply:

And whereas, by Our Original Commission, We did make known to Our Commissioners therein named, that We, having taken into Our consideration the premises, and being earnestly desirous, in lasting memory of those who had faithfully fallen in Our Service, to encourage the loyal and hearty benevolence of Our loving subjects, which might thereafter be directed towards the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of Our Forces who might then or thereafter be serving abroad in Our Armies and Fleets, or in services connected with Our then present hostilities, and for other the several purposes thereinbefore recited or mentioned, and reposing great trust and confidence in the fidelity, discretion, and integrity of Our Commissioners therein named, had authorized and appointed, and did by that Our Original Commission authorize and appoint, you the said Duke of Somerset; The said Duke of Wellington; The said Earl of Shaftesbury; The said Earl of Dalhousie; the said Earl of Hardwicke; the said Earl of Chichester; the said Earl Nelson; The said Earl Grey; The said Baron Fermoy; The said Baron Saint Leonards; The said Baron Lyveden; The said Baron Rokeby; The said James Lindsay; The said Sir John Somerset Pakington; The said Henry Thomas Lowry Corry; The said Sir John Fox Burgoyne; The said Sir Hew Dalrymple Ross; The said Lord Mayor of Our City of London; The said Thomas Baring; The said John Gellibrand Hubbard; and the said John Ball; together with certain other persons therein named, to make full and diligent inquiry into the best mode of aiding the loyalty and benevolence of Our loving subjects, and of ascertaining the best means by which the gifts, subscriptions, and contributions of Our loving subjects could be best applied according to the generous intentions of the donor thereof, and from time to time to apply the same as Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, should think fit, or direct, either for the immediate relief of such special objects of destitution as might come within the meaning and purpose of such benevolence, or for any of the purposes aforesaid, to increase, extend, or make additions to any of Our Royal or other Charitable Institutions already founded for similar purposes within Our United Kingdom. And further to apply or to order and direct the application of all such moneys in such manner as to Our said Commissioners, or to any three or more of them, should seem fit in the premises, so that they should in all things secure the most impartial and beneficial distribution of all such sums as might thereafter, and from time to time, be received under or by virtue of that Our Royal Commission.

And Whereas, by Our Original Commission, We did further give and grant to Our said Commissioners divers powers and authorities therein described, and did give divers directions for the better execution of the duties of Our said Commissioners.

And whereas, by Our Original Commission, We did command Our Paymaster-General for the time being to open and keep a separate account at the Bank of England, and to pay to the credit of such account, which (We did thereby direct), should be called and known by the name of THE PATRIOTIC FUND, all and every sum and sums of money which he might at any time thereafter receive under or by virtue of that Our Commission.

And whereas, by Our Original Commission, for the purpose (among others) of carrying into effect what Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, should thereafter direct to be done in respect of the said Subscriptions, donations, and collections, We did authorize Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, to nominate and appoint any three or more persons whomsoever, as to them should seem meet, to be an Executive Committee in the premises; and We thereby declared Our Pleasure to be that such Executive Committee should also be a Finance Committee, with power to select their own Chairman, and having the direction and control of such Orders and Regulations as might thereafter from time to time be made by Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, over the receipts and expenditure of the said several sums of money which from time to time during the continuance of such Our Commission, might be collected; and that, subject to such Orders and Regulations, the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any two or more of them, should and might order and direct the payment and disbursement of any sum or sums so to be received by Our Paymaster-General to the account of The Patriotic Fund; and We thereby declared it to be Our further Will and Pleasure that Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, should from time to time according to their discretion, fill up any such vacancies as might occur in such Executive and Finance Committee as occasion should require, and that the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any three of them, inclusive of their Chairman for the time being, if he should be then present, should from time to time and at all times report to them, the said Commissioners, as and when they might desire, all matters and things which they should or might have done in the premises.

And whereas, by Our Original Commission, We declared Our further Will and Pleasure to be that Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, when as so often as need or occasion should require, so long as Our Original Commission should continue in force, should report to Us in writing under their Hands and Seals respectively, all and every of the several proceedings of Our said Commissioners, had by virtue of Our Original Commission, together with such other matters, if any, as might be deserving of Our Royal Consideration touching or concerning the premises.

And whereas Our said Commissioners proceeded to execute the powers and to discharge the duties conferred and imposed on them by Our Original Commission.

And whereas an Act of Parliament has been passed called The Patriotic Fund Act, 1867.

And whereas by that Act it is recited to the effect (among other things) that the Executive Committee of Our said Commissioners had appropriated part of The Patriotic Fund for the Erection and Endowment of a Girls' School, known as The Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum, and had appropriated other part of the Fund for the En-