

Defender of the Faith, to Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor John, Baron Romilly, Master or Keeper of the Rolls and Records in Chancery; Our right trusty and entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Robert Arthur Talbot, Marquess of Salisbury; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin David Graham Drummond, Earl of Airlie, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin Philip Henry, Earl Stanhope; Our trusty and well beloved Edmund George Fitzmaurice, Esq. (commonly called Lord Edmund George Fitzmaurice); Our trusty and well beloved Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Bart.; Our trusty and well beloved Charles William Russell, Doctor in Divinity, President of the College of St. Patrick Maynooth; Our trusty and well beloved George Webbe Dasent, Doctor of Civil Law; and Our trusty and well beloved Thomas Duffus Hardy, Esq., Deputy Keeper of the Records, greeting:

Whereas it has been represented unto Us that there are belonging to many Institutions and Private Families various Collections of Manuscripts and Papers of general public interest, a knowledge of which would be of great utility in the illustration of History, Constitutional Law, Science, and general Literature; and that in some cases these papers are liable to be lost or obliterated: And whereas We are informed that many of the possessors of such manuscripts would be willing to give access to them and permit their contents to be made public, provided that nothing of a private character, or relating to the title of existing owners, should be divulged:

And whereas it appears to Us that there would be considerable public advantage in its being generally known where such Papers and Manuscripts are deposited, and that the contents of those which tend to the elucidation of History, and the illustration of Constitutional Law, Science, and Literature, should be published:

Now know ye that We reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and discretion have appointed, and do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you the said John, Baron Romilly; Robert Arthur Talbot, Marquess of Salisbury; David Graham Drummond, Earl of Airlie; Philip Henry, Earl Stanhope; Edmund George Fitzmaurice (commonly called Lord Edmund George Fitzmaurice); Sir William Stirling Maxwell; Charles William Russell; George Webbe Dasent; and Thomas Duffus Hardy; to be Our Commissioners to make inquiry as to the places in which such Papers and Manuscripts are deposited, and for any of the purposes herein-mentioned:

And for the purpose of carrying out the said inquiry We do hereby authorize you to call in the aid and co operation of all Possessors of Manuscripts and Papers, inviting them to assist you in furthering the object of this Commission, and to give them full assurance that no information is sought except such as relates to Public Affairs, and that no knowledge or information which may be obtained from their collections shall be promulgated without their full licence and consent:

And We do further by these presents authorize you, with the consent of the owners of such Manuscripts to make abstracts and catalogues of such Manuscripts:

And We do hereby direct that you, or any three or more of you shall form a quorum, and that you or any three or more of you shall have power to invite the possessors of such Papers and Records

as you may deem it desirable to inspect, to produce them before you:

And Our further will and pleasure is that you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, do report to Us from time to time in writing under your hands and seals, all and every your proceedings under and by virtue of these presents.

And for the better enabling you to execute these presents, We do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Wilford George Brett, Esq. Barrister-at-Law, as the Secretary to this Our Commission 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 second day of *April*, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the thirty-second year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's command,
H. A. BRUCE.

Foreign Office, April 6, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of M. V. A. L. Robcis-Borghers as Consul at Birmingham for His Majesty the Emperor of the French.

Downing Street, April 5, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint James Mayer Grant, Esq., to be Government Secretary and Secretary to the Court of Policy and Combined Court for the Colony of British Guiana.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Charles Monroe Eldridge, Esq., to be the Secretary to Government for the Island of Saint Christopher.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 5, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul-General at Honolulu, reporting that, in consequence of the prevalence of small-pox at San Francisco, the Hawaiian Board of Health have issued sanitary regulations to the following effect:—

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS and RULES adopted by the Hawaiian Board of Health at their Meeting of January 8th, 1869.

1. On the arrival of any vessel at any port of this Kingdom, from a port known to be infected with small pox, though no case of small pox may have occurred on board during the voyage, neither passengers nor crew shall be allowed to land, unless a period of fifteen days shall have elapsed from the time of her sailing.

2. On the arrival of any vessel at any port of this Kingdom, having had or still having any person sick of small pox on board, the vessel shall be detained in quarantine, the sick shall be sent to the quarantine hospital, and the crew and pas-