

changes and improvements, either by uniting and consolidating the said Courts, or any of them, or by extending or altering the several jurisdictions or assigning any matters or causes now within their respective cognizance to any other jurisdiction or by altering the number of Judges in the said Courts, or any of them, or empowering one or more Judges in any of the said Courts to transact any kind of business now transacted by a greater number, or by altering the mode in which the business of the said courts, or any of them, or of the sittings, assizes, and sessions, is now distributed or conducted, or otherwise may be advantageously made, so as to provide for the more speedy, economical, and satisfactory dispatch of the Judicial business now transacted by the same Courts, and at the sittings, assizes, and sessions respectively. And also to make inquiry whether it would be for the public advantage to establish Tribunals of Commerce for the cognizance of disputes relating to commercial transactions, or to any and what classes of such transactions, and if so, in what manner, and with what jurisdiction such Tribunals ought to be constituted, and in what relations, if any, they ought to stand to the Courts of Ordinary Civil Jurisdiction, or any of them; and also to make enquiry into the Laws relating to Juries, especially with reference to the qualification, summoning, nominating, and enforcing the attendance of Jurors, with a view to the better, more regular, and more efficient conduct of Trials by Jury, and the attendance of Jurors at such Trials.

And further We empower you, or any six or more of you, to make enquiries as to the duties of the several Officers, Clerks, and other persons of, or connected with, the said Courts, or any of them, their salaries, fees, and emoluments, with a view to ascertain whether any, and if any, what alterations may advantageously be made therein.

And for the better discovery of the truth in the premises, We do, by these presents, give and grant to you, or any six or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any six or more of you, such and so many of the Officers and Clerks of Our said Courts, and all such other persons as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be informed of the truth in the premises, and to inquire of the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do hereby give and grant unto you, or any six or more of you, full power and authority to cause all or any of the Officers and Clerks of any of Our said Courts to bring and produce before you, or any six or more of you, all rolls, records, orders, books, papers, or other writings belonging to any of Our said Courts, or to any of the Officers within the same.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you do, within nine calendar months after the date of this Our Commission, or as soon as the same can conveniently be done (using all diligence) certify unto Us in Our Court of Chancery, under the hands and seals of you, or any six or more of you, what you shall have done in the premises.

And We further will and command that this, Our Commission, shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any six or more of you, shall, and 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.

And for your assistance in the due execution of this Our Commission, We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Alexander Fisher, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary

to this Our Commission; and to attend you, whose services and assistance We require you to use from time to time as occasion shall require.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the twenty-fifth day of *November*, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, in the thirty-sixth year of Our reign.

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

*Whitehall, November 28, 1872.*

The Queen has been pleased to present the Reverend William Leslie Davidson to the church and parish of Bourtoie, in the presbytery of Garioch, and county of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of Doctor James Bissett.

*Foreign Office, November 9, 1872.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Robert Wilkinson, Esq., now British Vice-Consul at Poti, to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Port Said.

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1872.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Don Carlos E. Soto as Consul-General in England for the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Don José Antonio de Lavalle as Consul in the Island of Hongkong, and of Don Ricardo Espejo y Chaparro as Vice-Consul at Glasgow for His Majesty the King of Spain.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Senor John Berger Spence as Consul at Manchester for the United States of Venezuela.

*Foreign Office, November 29, 1872.*

[The following to be substituted for the Notification which appeared in the Gazette of August 30, 1872.]

*Foreign Office, August 29, 1872.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Robert R. Purvis, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Padang (Island of Sumatra).

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty, King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts, made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;" and of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled an "An Act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to Election during the Recess:"

I do hereby give notice, that the death of Frederick Dundas, Esq., late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the county of Orkney and Shetland, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament; and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the said county