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Whereas it has been notified unto Us, through Our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that Marshal MacMahon, Duke of Magenta, President of the French Republic, has decreed that an Universal Exhibition of the Works of Industry and Agriculture, as well as of the Fine Arts, shall be held at Paris in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight,

And whereas it Our wish that such Exhibition shall afford full and suitable representations of the Industry, the Agriculture, and the Fine Arts in Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Our Colonies and Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, and that Our subjects shall take part in such Exhibition:

Now know ye, that We, considering the premises, and earnestly desiring to promote the success of the said Exhibition, and reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, have authorized and appointed, and

by these presents do authorize and appoint, you Our said Most Dear Son, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, President, together with you, Our Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Paris, Richard Bickerton Pemell, Baron Lyons; Charles Henry, Duke of Richmond and Gordon; William Drogo, Duke of Manchester; George Granville William, Duke of Sutherland; Hugh Lupus, Duke of Westminster; John Poyntz, Earl Spencer; George Henry, Earl Cadogan; Granville George, Earl Granville; Thomas George, Earl of Northbrook; Charles Stuart Aubrey, Baron Tenterden; Philip, Baron de l'Isle and Dudley; Edward Stanhope, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Edward Stanhope), Robert Henry Meade, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Robert Henry Meade), Sir Alexander James Edmund Cockburn, Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, Lyon Playfair, the Lord Mayor of London for the time being, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh for the time being, the Lord Mayor of Dublin for the time being, Sir William Stirling Maxwell, Sir Coutts Lindsay, Sir Nathaniel Meyer de Rothschild, Sir Richard Wallace, Sir John Rose, Sir Alexander Milne, Sir Alfred Hastings Horsford, Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, Sir Rutherford Alcock, President of the Royal Geographical Society, and the President of the Royal Geographical Society for the time being, Sir Henry Thring, Sir Francis Grant, Sir Louis Mallet, Sir John Gilbert, or the President of the Society of Painters in Water Colours for the time being, Joseph Dalton Hooker, or the President of the Royal Society for the time being, James Risdon Bennett, or the President of the Royal College of Physicians for the time being, Prescott Gardiner Hewett, or the President of the Royal College of Surgeons for the time being, Edward, Baron Skelmersdale, or the President of the Royal Agricultural Society for the time being, George Robert Stephenson, or the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers for the time being, Sampson Samuel Lloyd, or the President of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom for the time being, Bernhard Samuelson, or the President of the Agricultural Engineers Association for the time being, Charles Rivers Wilson, Arthur Edward Augustus Ellis, Robert James Lloyd-Lindsay, Edmund Ashworth, Isaac Lowthian Bell, Hugh Birley, Joseph Chamberlain, William Holms, Frederick Leighton, Samuel Morley, John Mulholland, Anthony John Mundella, William Rathbone, and Henry William Ripley, to be Our Commissioners, to advise Us upon the best mode by which the products of Industry, Agriculture, and the Fine Arts of the United Kingdom, Our Colonies, and Dependencies, may be procured and sent to the said Exhibition:

And Our further will and pleasure is that you, or any three or more of you, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing, under your hands and seals respectively, all and every the several proceedings of yourselves had by virtue of these presents:

And lastly, We do by these presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue until the close of the said Exhibition, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time, and at any place or places, 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 the purpose of aiding you in such matters, We hereby appoint our trusty and well-