

change, and the mode of transacting business in and in connection with that Institution, and whether such existing rules, customs, and mode of conducting business are in accordance with law and with the requirements of public policy, and, if not, to advise Us in what respect they might be beneficially altered.

Now, know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do, by these presents, authorize and appoint you, the said James Plaisted, Baron Penzance, Colin, Baron Blackburn, Spencer Horatio Walpole, Edward Playdell Bouverie, Edward Stanhope, Sir Nathaniel Mayer de Rothschild, Henry Hucks Gibbs, Benjamin Buck Greene, John Hollams, Coleridge John Kennard, Septimus Richard Scott, and John Reginald Yorke, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission, and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do, by these presents, will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, 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 We further ordain that you, or any five or more of you, may have liberty to report your proceedings under this Commission, from time to time, if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your hands and seal, or under the hands and seals of any five or more of you, your opinion upon the several points herein submitted for your consideration; and for your assistance in the execution of these presents, We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Gray Cornish Mowbray, 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 may require.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the ninth day of *May*, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven; in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
Richard Assheton Cross.

Whitehall, May 11, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, for the appointment, by translation, of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Thomas Legh Claughton, Bishop of Rochester, to the newly-founded Bishopric of Saint Alban's, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 38 and 39 Victoria, cap. 34, intituled "The Bishopric of Saint Alban's Act, 1875," and of the Order in Council made in pursuance thereof on the 30th day of April, 1877.

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Foreign Office, May 7, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Octavius Montefiore as Consul at Sydney for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Gustav von der Heyde as Consul at Auckland, New Zealand, for the German Empire.

Downing Street, May 10, 1877.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Frederick Palgrave Barlee, Esq., to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of British Honduras.

India Office, May 10, 1877.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr. John Robert Kindersley, of the Madras Civil Service, to be a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, in the place of Mr. W. Holloway, C.S.I., who has resigned.

*Education Department, Whitehall,
May 8, 1877.*

THE Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education have issued an order this day for the formation of a School Board in the undermentioned United District:—

Aston-by-Sutton with Middleton Grange, Aston Grange, and Sutton (comprising the parishes of Aston-by-Sutton with Middleton Grange, Aston Grange, and Sutton) Chester

(M. 5433.)

*Marine Department, Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens, May 9, 1877.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Decree which has been issued proclaiming the adoption by the Belgian Government of the International Code of Signals for the use of all Belgian ships, and also of the Signals of Distress and the Signals for Pilots set forth in Schedules 1 and 2 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1873."

(H. 3709.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, May 9, 1877.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Lisbon, enclosing a copy of a Law dated the 10th April, 1877, granting an extension of the protection in favour of Portuguese whale fisheries for a period of ten years from the date of the said Law. This protection consists in the exemption from the payment of duty on any articles imported that may be required for the purpose of fitting out the Portuguese whalers stationed at the Azores, as well as on any oil exported being the produce of the National Whale Fishery.

(S. & C. 1383.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,
May 11, 1877.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Decree of the Government of the United States