

*Whitehall, August 14, 1879.*

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the effect following :—

**VICTORIA, R.**

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, to Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Charles Henry, Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, President of Our Most Honourable Privy Council; Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Walter Francis, Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor John Poyntz, Earl Spencer, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter; Our right trusty and well-beloved Augustus Henry, Baron Vernon; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor George Joachim Göschen; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Henry Stephenson, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Nigel Fitzhardinge Kingscote, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, late Lieutenant-Colonel of Our Regiment of Scots Guards; Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Chaplin, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved John Clay, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Joseph Cowen, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Mitchell Henry, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Howard, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved James Lennox Naper, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Paterson, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Bonamy Price, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved John Rice, Esq., Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Thomson Ritchie, Esq.; Our trusty well-beloved Benjamin Bridges Hunter Rodwell, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved William Stratton, Esq.; and Our trusty and well-beloved Jacob Wilson, Esq., Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should issue to inquire into the depressed condition of the Agricultural interest, and the causes to which it is owing; whether those causes are of a permanent character, and how far they have been created or can be remedied by legislation.

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, discretion, and ability, have authorised and appointed, and do by these presents authorize and appoint you, the said Charles Henry, Duke of Richmond and Gordon; Walter Francis, Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry; John Poyntz, Earl Spencer; Augustus Henry, Baron Vernon; George Joachim Göschen; Sir William Henry Stephenson; Robert Nigel Fitzhardinge Kingscote; Henry Chaplin; John Clay; Joseph Cowen; Mitchell Henry; Charles Howard; James Lennox Naper; Robert Paterson; Bonamy Price; John Rice; Charles Thomson Ritchie; Benjamin Bridges Hunter Rodwell; William Stratton; and Jacob Wilson to be Our Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do give and grant unto you, or any five or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any

five or more of you, such persons as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the truth on the subjects herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith, and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such official books, documents, papers, and records as may afford the fullest information on the subjects of this inquiry, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you, or any five or more of you, do report to Us with all convenient speed, under your hands and seals, your opinion on the several points herein submitted for your consideration.

And We further will and command, and by these presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commission, or any five or more of you may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, 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-beloved William Augustus Peel, Esq., to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court, at *Saint James's*, the fourteenth day of *August*, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, in the forty-third year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

*Richard Assheton Cross.*

(S. & C. 2012.)

*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,  
August 14, 1879.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, reporting the prohibition of the export of cereals from the Vilayets of Diarbekir and Adana.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*15th August, 1879.*

*7th Hussars*, Lieutenant-General Henry Roxby Benson, C.B., to be Colonel, vice General Charles Hagart, C.B., deceased. Dated 31st July, 1879.

*Royal Artillery*, Lieutenant Henry Thomas Curling to be Captain, vice J. L. Bell, placed on the Seconded List. Dated 16th August, 1879.

Lieutenant Robert Purdy to be Captain, vice G. M. J. Moore, placed on the Seconded List. Dated 16th August, 1879.

Lieutenant Donald MacKenzie Dunlop Waterfield to be Captain, vice J. J. Congdon, placed on the Seconded List. Dated 16th August, 1879.

Lieutenant Manfred William Robert Brotherton resigns his Commission. Dated 16th August, 1879.

Lieutenant Joseph Maria Gordon resigns his Commission. Dated 16th August, 1879.