

Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Brackenbury, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces; and

Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Henry Ismay, Esquire; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the Civil and Professional administration of the Naval and Military Departments, and the relation of those Departments to each other and to the Treasury; and to report what changes in the existing system would tend to efficiency and economy in the public service;

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, do by these Presents authorize and appoint you the said Spencer Compton Cavendish (commonly Marquess of Hartington); Randolph Henry Spencer-Churchill (commonly called Lord Randolph Henry Spencer-Churchill); Edward Charles, Baron Revelstoke; William Henry Smith; Henry Campbell-Bannerman; Sir Richard Temple; Sir Frederick William Richards; Henry Brackenbury; and Thomas Henry Ismay to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.

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 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 you 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 do further ordain that you, or any three or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our 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 seals, or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the several matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the seventh day of *June*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, in the fifty-first year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

*Henry Matthews.*

*War Office, June 12, 1888.*

**WARRANT** for appointing certain Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund:—

**VICTORIA, R. & I.**

**VICTORIA** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To Our right trusty and right well-beloved cousin Richard James, Earl of Clanwilliam, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our

Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Admiral in Our Fleet;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir George Greville Wellesley, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Admiral in Our Fleet, and

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Frederick Charles Arthur Stephenson, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, General in Our Army;

Whereas by the Patriotic Fund Act of 1881, it was, among other things, enacted that "it should be lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, by Warrant under Her Sign Manual, to appoint any person to fill any vacancy among the Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund which has arisen either before or after the passing of this Act from death, resignation, or otherwise."

And whereas, since the date of the last Commission, vacancies have occurred by the death of divers Commissioners.

Now, know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and ability, do, by these presents, authorize and appoint you the said Earl of Clanwilliam, Sir George Greville Wellesley, and Sir Frederick Charles Arthur Stephenson, to be Commissioners of and for the administration of the Patriotic Fund.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, this ninth day of *June*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, in the fifty-first year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

*Edward Stanhope.*

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*12th June, 1888.*

*3rd Dragoon Guards*, Lieutenant Henry Charles Edwards has been seconded for service with the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 17th March, 1888.

*5th Lancers*, Captain Alfred Weston, from the 6th Dragoon Guards, to be Major, vice A. C. Spencer, transferred to the 1st Dragoon Guards. Dated 13th June, 1888.

*12th Lancers*, The retirement of Captain George Henry Dean, on retired pay, and the promotion in succession of Lieutenant Antonio S. Ralli are antedated to 1st January, 1888.

*16th Lancers*, Captain Robert Gordon Sharman-Crawford to be seconded for service as an Adjutant of Auxiliary Forces. Dated 2nd July, 1888.

#### REGIMENTAL DISTRICT.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel Henry Cook, having completed five years' service in command of the 30th Regimental District (the East Lancashire Regiment), is placed on half-pay. Dated 12th June, 1888.

#### LINE BATTALIONS.

*The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)*, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Bleazby has been appointed to command a Battalion. Dated 6th May, 1888.

*The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)*, Major Henry D. Harrison to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel H. T. Halahan, retired. Dated 23rd May, 1888.

Supernumerary Major Albert E. Ommanney, to be Major, vice H. D. Harrison. Dated 23rd May, 1888.