

Whitehall, February 2, 1891.

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

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 well-beloved Councillors :—

George, Baron Basing ;

George Cubitt ;

and

Henry Hartley Fowler ;

and Our trusty and well-beloved :—

Sir Henry Hussey Vivian, Baronet ;

Frederick Meadows White, Esquire, one of

Our Counsel learned in the Law ;

William James Beadel, Esquire ;

and

Cornelius Neale Dalton, Esquire ; Greeting !

Whereas we have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire to what extent, on what terms, and at what cost tithe rent-charge in England and Wales has been redeemed under the Tithe Commutation Act, 1836, and the Acts amending the same, and to report whether, under existing circumstances, any amendments in the law or the practice are required in order to facilitate and encourage the redemption of tithe rent-charge :

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 George, Baron Basing ; George Cubitt ; Henry Hartley Fowler ; Sir Henry Hussey Vivian ; Frederick Meadows White ; William James Beadel ; and Cornelius Neale Dalton ; 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 enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do by these presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid.

And We do further 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 matters herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in such matters We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved John Graham, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the thirty-first day of *January*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, in the fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Henry Matthews.

India Office, January 30, 1891.

VICTORIA, R.I.

WHEREAS We deem it expedient that the Staff Corps in the Presidencies of Our Indian Dominions shall be amalgamated :

Our Will and Pleasure is that, with effect from the date of this Our Warrant, the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Staff Corps shall be formed into one Corps, to be denominated Our Indian Staff Corps.

The names of the officers who entered the Staff Corps after the 12th September 1866 and before the 1st July 1881 shall continue to be borne on three separate lists for the purpose of regulating their succession to Colonels' allowances.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne*, this 28th day of *January*, 1891, in the fifty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Cross.

Whitehall, January 31, 1891.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto John Calder, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Imperial Order of the Double Dragon of the Fourth Class, which His Majesty the Emperor of China has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his services while actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions in the Chinese Imperial Navy.

Whitehall, February 2, 1891.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Samuel Evans, Esq., Her Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Medjidieh of the Third Class, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions as Chief Comptroller of the Egyptian Coast Guard Service.

The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber,

Buckingham Gate, February 3, 1891.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall, appointing John Claude Daubuz, of Killiow, Truro, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Cornwall.

Admiralty, 29th January, 1891.

THE following Sub-Lieutenants have been confirmed :—

Arthur Bertram Finch Dawson. Dated 11th May, 1889.

Alexander Farrington. Dated 14th May, 1889.