

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto Alexandre Lacoste, Esq., Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench for the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada.

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THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Knight of the said United Kingdom unto George Clarke Pile, Esq., President of the Legislative Council of the Island of Barbados.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Alexander Peake, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the insignia of the Order of the Osmanieh 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 in the service of His Highness.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto William Henry Stone, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Sacred Treasure of the Third Class, which His Imperial Majesty the Mikado has been pleased to confer upon him in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's Dominions in the service of His Imperial Majesty.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Walter Garland, Esq., and Howard Bentley, Esq., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that they may, respectively, accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Crown of Johore of the Second Class which His Highness the Sultan of Johore has been pleased to confer upon them in recognition of their services while entirely employed in the service of His Highness beyond Her Majesty's Dominions.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Thomas Rawson Ker, Esq., and James Patrick Andrew Wilson, Esq., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Edin., Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority that they may, respectively, accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Crown of Johore of the Third Class, which His Highness the Sultan of Johore has been pleased to confer upon them in recognition of their services while entirely employed in the service of His Highness beyond Her Majesty's Dominions.

Whitehall, June 15, 1892.

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

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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 well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, William Henry, Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Edward Birkbeck, Baronet;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Francis Leopold M'Clintock, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Admiral on the Retired List of Our Navy;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir George Strong Nares, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Rear-Admiral on the Retired List of Our Navy;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Cameron Lamb, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

Our trusty and well-beloved Ronald Craufurd Munro-Ferguson, Esquire;

Our trusty and well-beloved Edward Graves, Esquire;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Arrow Kempe, Esquire; and

Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Lyle Mulholland, Esquire; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to enquire and report what Lighthouses and Light-vessels it is desirable to connect with the telegraphic system of the United Kingdom by electrical communication, for the purpose of giving information of vessels in distress or casualties at sea to places from which assistance could be sent, and of transmitting storm warnings, having due regard to the practicability of establishing and maintaining such communication without impairing the efficiency of the Light Service, and at a cost bearing a reasonable proportion to the advantages that might be expected to result; and to suggest the manner in which such communication should be established wherever it might be recommended:

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 William Henry, Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, Sir Edward Birkbeck, Sir Francis Leopold M'Clintock, Sir George Strong Nares, John Cameron Lamb, Ronald Craufurd Munro-Ferguson, Edward Graves, John Arrow Kempe, and Henry Lyle Mulholland, 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 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