

3. The effect on the finances of India of the prohibition of the sale and export of Opium, taking into consideration (a) the amount of compensation payable; (b) the cost of the necessary preventive measures; (c) the loss of revenue;

4. Whether any change short of total prohibition should be made in the system at present followed for regulating and restricting the Opium Traffic and for raising a revenue therefrom:

5. The consumption of Opium by the different races and in the different districts of India, and the effect of such consumption on the moral and physical condition of the people:

6. The disposition of the people of India in regard to (a) the use of Opium for non-medical purposes; (b) their willingness to bear in whole or in part the cost of prohibitive measures:— with the prayer of which Address We are graciously pleased to comply:

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 Thomas, Baron Brassey; Sir James Broadwood Lyall; Sir Lachhmeswar Singh; Sir William Roberts; Robert Gray Cornish Mowbray; Arthur Upton Fanshawe; Arthur Pease; Haridas Veharidas; and Henry Joseph Wilson; 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 five 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 five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places whether in Our said United Kingdom or within Our Indian Dominions as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid, and to employ such persons as you may think fit to assist you in conducting any inquiry which you may hold.

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 five or more of you, shall and may from time to time, and at any place or places, 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 five 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 five or more of you, your opinion upon the questions herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in such matters, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved John Prescott Hewett, Esq., Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Deputy Secretary to Our Government of

India in the Home Department, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the second day of *September*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, in the fifty-seventh year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

*Kimberley.*

*Whitehall, September 21, 1893.*

HER Majesty has been pleased to direct the issue of a separate Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Ossett, in the county of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

*Education Department, Whitehall,*

*September 21, 1893.*

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 Parish:—

Downton ... .. Wilts

(H. 7071.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 20, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated 19th September, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Lisbon:—"Ports of New Jersey and New York, as well as those in New York Bay, freed from cholera."

(H. 7072.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 20, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 19th September, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Rome, stating that the usual quarantine regulations are applied to vessels arriving from all British ports. The decree was dated the 16th instant. The regulations in question were published in the London Gazette of the 22nd November, 1892.

(H. 7073.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 20, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 12th September, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, stating that a provisional lazaretto is established at Trikkeri, in the Gulf of Volo, for vessels coming from cholera-infected ports.

(H. 7076.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 20, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 17th September, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Copenhagen, stating that sanitary precautions are enforced against ships arriving from Constantinople.

(H. 7077.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 20, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 14th September, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Christiania, enclosing a translation of a new Law relating to quarantine. The document may be inspected at the Board of Trade offices.