

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.

CARRINGTON,
Lord Chamberlain.

Manchester, May 21, 1894.

THE Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Anthony Marshall, Esq., Lord Mayor of Manchester.

Manchester, May 21, 1894.

THE Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on William Henry Bailey, Esq., Mayor of Salford, of Sale Hall, Cheshire, and Glan-y-Mor, Beaumaris.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Downing Street, May 26, 1894.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George :

To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Distinguished Order :—

Byron Brenan, Esq., Her Majesty's Consul at Canton.

William Edmund Garstin, Esq., Head of the Egyptian Irrigation Department.

Whitehall, May 28, 1894.

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 well-beloved Councillor, Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, Chairman ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Thomas Henry, Baron Farrer ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Reginald Earle, Baron Welby, Knight-Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Charles Owen O'Connor (commonly called the O'Connor Don) ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Robert George Crookshank Hamilton, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Thomas Sutherland, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir David Miller Barbour, Knight Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India ;

Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Edward Blake, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law, Member of Our Privy Council of Our Dominion of Canada ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Bertram Wodehouse Currie, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved William Alexander Hunter, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Edward Martin, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Edward Redmond, Esquire ; and

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

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the Financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland, and their relative taxable capacity, and to report :—

1. Upon what principles of comparison, and by the application of what specific standards the relative capacity of Great Britain and Ireland to bear taxation may be most equitably determined.

2. What, so far as can be ascertained, is the true proportion, under the principles and specific standards so determined, between the taxable capacity of Great Britain and Ireland.

3. The history of the Financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland at and after the Legislative Union, the charge for Irish purposes on the Imperial Exchequer during that period, and the amount of Irish taxation remaining available for contribution to Imperial expenditure ; also the Imperial expenditure to which it is considered equitable that Ireland should contribute :

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 Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, Thomas Henry, Baron Farrer, Reginald Earle, Baron Welby, Charles Owen O'Connor, Sir Robert George Crookshank Hamilton, Sir Thomas Sutherland, Sir David Miller Barbour, Edward Blake, Bertram Wodehouse Currie, William Alexander Hunter, Charles Edward Martin, John Edward Redmond, and Thomas Sexton, 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 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, 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 by these Presents will and 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 matter herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Bernard Henry Holland, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the twenty-sixth day of *May*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, in the fifty-seventh year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

H. H. Asquith.