

of Salisbury, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter ;

Our right trusty and entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor George Frederick Samuel, Marquess of Ripon, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire ;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor James Ludovic, Earl of Crawford, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle ;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebery, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor William Balfour, Viscount Esher ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Edmond George Petty-Fitzmaurice, Esquire (commonly called Lord Edmond George Petty-Fitzmaurice) ;

The Right Reverend Father in God William, Bishop of Oxford ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved John Emerich Edward, Baron Acton ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Chichester Samuel, Baron Carlingford, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir Edward Fry, Knight ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor William Edward Hartpole Lecky ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Henry Churchill Maxwell Lyte, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Deputy Keeper of the Records ; and,

Our trusty and well-beloved Samuel Rawson Gardiner, Esquire, Doctor of Civil Law ; Greeting !

Whereas We did by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and by subsequent Warrants, authorize and appoint certain noblemen and gentlemen therein respectively named, or any three or more of them, to be Our Commissioners to make inquiry into the places in which documents illustrative of history or of general public interest belonging to private persons are deposited, and to consider whether, with the consent of the owners, means might not be taken to render such documents available for public reference, as by the tenor of the original Commission under Our Sign Manual, dated the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, does more fully and at large appear.

Now know ye that We have revoked and determined, and do by these Presents revoke and determine, the said several Warrants, and every matter and thing therein contained.

And whereas We have deemed it expedient that a new Commission should issue for the purposes specified in the said Warrant, dated the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine :

Further know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and discretion, have appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, constitute, and appoint, you the said Sir Nathaniel Lindley ; Schomberg Henry, Marquess of Lothian ; Robert Arthur Talbot, Marquess of Salisbury ; George Frederick Samuel, Marquess of Ripon ; James Ludovic, Earl of Crawford ; Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebery ; William Balfour, Viscount Esher ; Edmond George

Petty-Fitzmaurice ; William, Bishop of Oxford ; John Emerich Edward, Baron Acton, Chichester Samuel, Baron Carlingford ; Sir Edward Fry ; William Edward Hartpole Lecky ; Sir Henry Churchill Maxwell Lyte ; and Samuel Rawson Gardiner to be Our Commissioners to make inquiry as to the places in which such papers and manuscripts are deposited, and for any of the purposes set forth in the original Commission under Our Sign Manual, dated the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

And for the purpose of carrying out the said inquiry We do hereby authorize you to call in the aid and co-operation of all possessors of manuscripts and papers, inviting them to assist you in furthering the object of this Commission, and to give them full assurance that no information is sought except such as relates to public affairs, and that no knowledge or information which may be obtained from their collections shall be promulgated without their full licence and consent.

And We do further by these Presents authorize you, with the consent of the owners of such manuscripts, to make abstracts and catalogues of such manuscripts.

And We do hereby direct that you, or any three or more of you shall form a quorum ; and that you, or any three or more of you, shall have power to invite the possessors of such papers and records as you may deem it desirable to inspect, to produce them before you.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, do report to Us from time to time, in writing under your hands and seals, all and every your proceedings under and by virtue of these Presents.

And for the better enabling you to execute these Presents We do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Our trusty and well-beloved James Joel Cartwright, Esquire, Master of Arts, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the eighteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, in the sixty-first year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
M. W. Ridley.

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Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, December 20, 1897.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Copenhagen, enclosing the following copy of a Decree respecting Quarantine, viz. :—

(Translation.)

Decree :

The measures formerly in force to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases from Marseilles, the ports on the Black Sea with the exception of Russian ports, as well as the ports in the rest of Asia Minor and Syria are hereby cancelled.

Quarantine is not at present enforced.

(a.) The Regulations in the 2nd section of the Law of the 2nd July 1880 respecting measures against the introduction of contagious diseases into the kingdom are in force as against the following places :—

Ports in Egypt.

Ports on the Red Sea, and

Ports in Tonkin and Cochinchina, and the East Indies, as well as the Dutch East Indian Colonies.