

Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Chairman;

Our right trusty and right entirely-beloved Cousin Herbrand Arthur, Duke of Bedford; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Francis James Stuart-Gray, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Francis James Stuart-Gray), Major, with Honorary Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, on the Retired List of Our Army;

Diarmid Noel Paton, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Master in Surgery;

John Fell, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Chairman of the Kent, &c. (Westmoreland) Board of Conservators;

Walter Edward Archer, Esquire, Chief Inspector of Fisheries (England and Wales);

Charles Maitland Pelham Burn, Esquire;

Charles Lyne, Esquire, Honorary Colonel of the 1st Worcestershire and Warwickshire Volunteer Artillery, Chairman of the Usk Board of Conservators; and

John Amory Travers, Esquire: Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue

To consider the causes affecting the yield of the Salmon Fisheries in England, Wales, and Scotland;

The operation and influence of the present method of fishing;

The extent to which fish have access to the upper waters;

The protection of spawning fish and fry, and the cultivation and protection of stock; and

To report whether any change of the law is desirable in the several interests concerned:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, constitute, and appoint, you the said Victor Alexander, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine; Herbrand Arthur, Duke of Bedford; Francis James Stuart-Gray; Diarmid Noel Paton; John Fell; Walter Edward Archer; Charles Maitland Pelham Burn; Charles Lyne; and John Amory Travers, 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 to employ such persons as you may think fit to assist you in conducting any inquiry which you may hold.

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 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 your inquiries, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Alfred Herbert Higgins, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the seventeenth day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred, in the sixty-third year of Our reign.

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

Whitehall, March 19, 1900.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Wilbraham, Earl Egerton of Tatton, to be Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Chester, and the City of Chester and County of the same, in the room of Hugh Lupus, Duke of Westminster, K.G., deceased.

Foreign Office, February 24, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Alexander Hosie, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Kiukiang;

John Noel Tratman, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Nanking;

Charles William Campbell, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Wuchow;

Edward Theodore Chalmers Werner, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Kiungchow;

Ernest Frederick Bennett, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Ssumao;

Ambrose John Sundius, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul at Yechow;

George Demetrius Pitzipios, Esq., to be one of Her Majesty's Vice-Consuls at Shanghai; and

William Pollock Ker, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Pagoda Island.

Foreign Office, March 2, 1900.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Alexander Telford Waugh, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Constantinople.

Crown Office, March 20, 1900.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Borough of Lambeth.—Brixton Division.
Sir Robert Gray Cornish Mowbray, Bart., in the place of the Honourable Evelyn Hubbard, who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Bonenham, in the county of Buckingham.

Admiralty, 12th March, 1900.

Acting Lieutenant Ernest Geoffrey Durrant has been confirmed as a Lieutenant on the Supplementary List of Her Majesty's Fleet, with seniority of 19th March, 1899.