

St. James's Palace, March 18, 1901.

THE King has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable Sir Fleetwood Isham Edwards, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., to be Serjeant-at-Arms in Ordinary to His Majesty, to attend the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lord Commissioner of the Great Seal of Great Britain for the time being, in the room of Major-General Sir Arthur Ellis, K.C.V.O., C.S.I.

Whitehall, March 18, 1901.

THE King has been pleased to order a Congé d'Élire to pass the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, in London, to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the death of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Mandell Creighton, late Bishop thereof; and His Majesty has been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Right Reverend Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Stepney, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of London.

Whitehall, March 18, 1901.

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

EDWARD, R.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS it pleased Her late Majesty from time to time to issue Royal Commissions of Inquiry for various purposes therein specified:

And whereas in the case of certain of these Commissions, namely, those known as—

- The Historical Manuscripts Commission;
- The Horse Breeding Commission;
- The Local Taxation Commission;
- The Port of London Commission;
- The Salmon Fisheries Commission; and
- The Sewage Disposal Commission;

the Commissioners appointed by Her late Majesty, or such of them as were then acting as Commissioners, were, at the late demise of the Crown, still engaged upon the business entrusted to them:

And whereas We deem it expedient that the said Commissioners should continue their labours in connection with the said inquiries notwithstanding the late demise of the Crown:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in the zeal, discretion, and ability of the present members of each of the said Commissions, do by these Presents authorize them to continue their labours, and do hereby in every essential particular ratify and confirm the terms of the said several Commissions.

And We do further ordain that the said Commissioners do report to Us under their hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of such of their number as may be specified in the said Commissions respectively, their opinion upon the matters presented for their consideration; and that any proceedings which they or any of them may have taken under and in pursuance of the said Commissions since the late demise of the Crown, and before the issue of these Presents

shall be deemed and adjudged to have been taken under and in virtue of this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the fourth day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred and one, in the first year of Our reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
Chas. T. Ritchie.

Whitehall, March 18, 1901.

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

EDWARD, R.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, to—

Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Spencer Compton, Duke of Devonshire, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Lord President of the Council; Greeting!

WHEREAS it pleased Her late Majesty by Warrant bearing date the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, to appoint Commissioners to advise upon the best mode by which the Products of Industry, Agriculture, and the Fine Arts of the United Kingdom, the Colonies and Dependencies, might be procured and sent to the Paris Exhibition of 1900:

And whereas in consequence of the late demise of the Crown a vacancy has been caused in the office of Chairman of the said Commission:

And whereas We deem it expedient that the Commissioners should continue their labours, notwithstanding the late demise of the Crown:

Now know ye that We do hereby in every essential particular ratify and confirm the terms of the said Commission; and that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint, you the said Spencer Compton, Duke of Devonshire, to be Chairman of the said Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the fourteenth day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred and one, in the first year of Our reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
Chas. T. Ritchie.

Whitehall, March 18, 1901.

THE King has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 14th instant, to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Archibald Levis Smith, Master of the Rolls, to be Chairman of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, and the Right Honourable Richard Everard, Baron Alverstone, G.C.M.G., Lord Chief Justice of England, who, on his avoidance of the office of Master of the Rolls, ceased to act as Chairman, to be a Member of the said Commission.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, March 15, 1901.

THE Secretary for Scotland has been pleased, by Warrant under his hand and Seal, dated 14th instant, to appoint John Wink, Esq., Solicitor, to be Clerk to the Justices of the Peace within the Shire of Fife, in the room of David Forsyth, Esq., deceased.