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*Lord Great Chamberlain's Office,  
Palace of Westminster, December 31, 1901.*

**A**LL Peersesses on announcing their intention of being pre-ent on the occasion of the Opening of Parliament on Thursday, January 16th, will have places reserved for them if the announcement be made at this office before five o'clock on Saturday, January 11th.

Peers' Eldest Sons desiring seats in the Peers' Eldest Sons' Box are requested to make a written or personal application at this office.

No strangers can be admitted except by ticket from the Lord Great Chamberlain.

Tickets for the interior of the House of Lords will be admitted at the Peers' Entrance.

Tickets for the Royal Gallery at the Victoria Tower Entrance.

The doors will be opened at 12 o'clock.

**CHOLMONDELEY,**  
Great Chamberlain.

*Whitehall, December 28, 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 and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to—

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor

William Lawies Jackson, and

Our trusty and well-beloved—

Sir George John Armytage, Baronet;

Sir William Thomas Lewis, Baronet;

Sir Lindsay Wood, Baronet;

Thomas Bell, Esquire;

William Brace, Esquire;

Arthur Currer Briggs, Esquire;

Harold Baily Dixon, Esquire, Master of Arts,

Professor of Chemistry and Metallurgy at the Owens College, Manchester;

James Stedman Dixon, Esquire, Mining Engineer;

Clement Le Neve Foster, Esquire, Doctor of Science, Professor of Mining in the Royal College of Science, South Kensington;

Edward Hull, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, lately Director of the Geological Survey of Ireland; Charles Lapworth, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, Professor of Geology and Physiography in the Birmingham University;

Joseph Paton Maclay, Esquire;

Arthur Sopwith, Esquire, Fellow of the Geological Society;

Jethro Justinian Harris Teall, Esquire, Master of Arts, President of the Geological Society of London, and Director of the Geological Survey of England; and

Ralph Young, Esquire. Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the extent and available resources of the coal fields of the United Kingdom; the rate of exhaustion which may be anticipated, having regard to possible economies in use, by the substitution of other fuel or the adoption of other kinds of power: the effect of our exports of coal on the home supply, and the time for which that supply, especially of the more valuable kinds of coal, will probably be available to British consumers, including the Royal Navy, at a cost which would not be detrimental to the general welfare: the possibility of a reduction in that cost, by cheaper transport, or by the avoidance of unnecessary waste in working through the adoption of better methods and improved appliances, or through a change in the customary term and provisions of mineral leases: and whether the mining industry of this country, under existing conditions, is maintaining its competitive power with the coal fields of other countries.

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 William Lawies Jackson, Sir George John Armytage, Sir William Thomas Lewis, Sir Lindsay Wood, Thomas Bell, William Brace, Arthur Currer Briggs, Harold Baily Dixon, James Stedman Dixon, Clement Le Neve Foster, Edward Hull, Charles Lapworth, Joseph Paton Maclay, Arthur Sopwith, Jethro Justinian Harris Teall, and Ralph Young to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.