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*Whitehall, September 15, 1902.*

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 right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Victor Alexander, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of Our Most Noble of the Garter, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin Reginald Baliol, Viscount Esher, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir George Dashwood Taubman-Goldie, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Henry Wylie Norman, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Field-Marshal of Our Forces;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Ommanney Hopkins, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Admiral on the Retired List of Our Navy;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Edge, Knight; and

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Jackson, Knight. Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the Military preparations for the War in South Africa, and into the supply of men, ammunition, equipment, and transport by sea and land in connection with the Campaign, and into the Military operations up to the occupation of Pretoria:

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 Victor Alexander, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine; Reginald Baliol, Viscount Esher; Sir George Dashwood Taubman-Goldie; Sir Henry Wylie Norman; Sir John Ommanney Hopkins; Sir John Edge; and Sir John Jackson 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 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.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, the ninth day of *September*, one thousand nine hundred and two, in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,  
*A. Akers-Douglas.*