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Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, December 1, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the State Apartments at Windsor Castle will be open to the public under the regulations lately published, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 11 A.M. till 3 P.M., commencing on the 2nd instant, until further notice.

Whitehall, December 1, 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 well-beloved Councillor Leonard Henry Courtney, Chairman; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Alexander

Henderson, Baronet:

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Ralph Henry Knox, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Brampton Gurdon, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved Edward William Brabrook, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Fletcher Moulton, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Our trusty and well-beloved Willoughby IIyett Dickinson, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law

Our trusty and well-beloved Arthur Henry

Aylmer Morton, Esquire ; and Our trusty and well-beloved William George Bunn, Esquire. Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire whether it is possible so to amend the existing system of superannuation of persons in the Civil Service of the States, as to confer greater and more uniform advantages upon those to whom it applies without increasing the burden which it imposes on the taxpayer :

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust 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 Leonard Henry Courtney; Sir Alexander Hen-derson; Sir Ralph Henry Knox; Sir William Brownedon, Guiden, Edward William Brownedo Brampton Gurdon; Edward William Brabrook; John Fletcher Moulton; Willoughby Hyett Dickinsou; Arthur Aylmer Mortou; and William George Bunn 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 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.