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

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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 entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Henry, Duke of Norfolk, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victoria Order, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Colonel Commanding the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, Chairman;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Frederick Arthur, Earl of Derby, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Our Aides-de-Camp, Honorary Colonel of the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Royal Lancaster Regiment, and of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Liverpool Regiment;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Francis Wallace, Baron Grenfell, 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, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces, Colonel Commandant of the King's Royal Rifle Corps; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir Coleridge Grove, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Major-General on the Retired List of Our Army, Colonel of the East Yorkshire Regiment;

Sir Ralph Henry Knox, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration;

George O'Callaghan-Westropp, Esquire, Lieutenant-Colonel (with the honorary rank of Colonel)

commanding the Clare Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia);

Evan Henry Llewellyn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the 4th Battalion of the Somersetshire Light Infantry;

Edward Satterthwaite, Esquire, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Lieutenant-Colonel (with the honorary rank of Colonel) commanding the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment;

James Alexander Dalmahoy, Esquire, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Lieutenant-Colonel (with the honorary rank of Colonel) commanding the 1st Midlothian Royal Garrison Artillery; and

Henry Spenser Wilkinson, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to enquire into the organization, numbers and terms of service of Our Militia and Volunteer Forces; and to report whether any, and, if any, what, changes are required in order to secure that these forces shall be maintained in a condition of military efficiency and at an adequate strength:

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 Henry, Duke of Norfolk; Frederick Arthur, Earl of Derby; Francis Wallace, Baron Grenfell; Sir Coleridge Grove; Sir Ralph Henry Knox; George O'Callaghan-Westropp; Evan Henry Llewellyn; Edward Satterthwaite; James Alexander Dalmahoy; and Henry Spenser Wilkinson to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said enquiry.

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