

examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to enquire 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.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your enquiry We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Henry William Watson McAnally, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the twenty-third day of *April*, one thousand nine hundred and three, in the third year of Our Reign.

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

Whitehall, April 27, 1903.

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

EDWARD, R. & I.

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, Emperor of India, to—

Our Most Dear Son and Councillor His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Imperial Service Order, Rear Admiral of Our Fleet;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Alexander Hugh, Baron Balfour of Burleigh, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Our Secretary of that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Scotland; Chairman;

Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin Cromartie, Duke of Sutherland, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Herbert Coulstoun, Baron Burghclere;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Henry Chaplin;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor John Lloyd Wharton; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir Gerard Henry Uctred Noel, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Vice-Admiral Commanding Our Home Fleet, and Admiral Superintendent of Naval Reserves;

Sir John Charles Ready Colomb, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

Sir Alfred Edmund Bateman, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Comptroller-General, Commercial, Labour, and Statistical Department of the Board of Trade;

Sir Henry Seton-Karr, Knight, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

Henry Hardinge Samuel Cunynghame, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of the Assistant Under Secretaries of State to Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department;

Edmund Robertson, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Thomas Erskine Holland, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law, Chichele Professor of International Law and Diplomacy in Our University of Oxford;

Alfred Emmott, Esquire;

Alfred Spalding Harvey, Esquire;

Robert Montgomery, Esquire, upon whom has been conferred the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Mersey Division of Our Corps of Royal Engineers (Volunteers), President of the Liverpool Corn Trade Association;

Joseph Edward Street, Esquire; and

John Wilson, Esquire. Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the conditions affecting the importation of food and raw material into Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in time of war, and into the amount of the reserves of such supplies existing in the Country at any given period, and to advise whether it is desirable to adopt any measures, in addition to the maintenance of a strong Fleet, by which such supplies can be better secured, and violent fluctuations avoided:

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, Our said Most Dear Son George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, together with you Alexander Hugh, Baron Balfour of Burleigh; Cromartie, Duke of Sutherland; Herbert Coulstoun, Baron Burghclere; Henry Chaplin; John Lloyd Wharton; Sir Gerard Henry Uctred Noel; Sir John Charles Ready Colomb; Sir Alfred Edmund Bateman; Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Henry Hardinge Samuel Cunynghame; Edmund Robertson; Thomas Erskine Holland; Alfred Emmott; Alfred Spalding Harvey; Robert Montgomery; Joseph Edward Street; and John Wilson, 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 five 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,