

*Whitehall, July 30, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to direct the preparation of Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, authorizing Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, conferring the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom upon:—

Sir Edward Levy-Lawson, Baronet, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of

Baron Burnham, of Hall Barn, in the parish of Beaconsfield, in the county of Buckingham;

Michael Biddulph, Esquire, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of

Baron Biddulph, of Ledbury, in the county of Hereford;

George Thomas John Sotheron-Estcourt, Esquire, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of

Baron Estcourt, of Estcourt, in the parish of Shipton-Moyne, in the county of Gloucester, and of Darrington, in the West Riding of the county of York; and

William Henry Armstrong Fitzpatrick Watson-Armstrong, Esquire, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of

Baron Armstrong, of Bamburgh and Craggside, in the county of Northumberland.

*Whitehall, July 30, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to direct the preparation of Warrants under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, authorizing Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, conferring the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom upon each of the undermentioned Gentlemen and the heirs male of their respective bodies lawfully begotten, viz.:—

Sir Alfred Hickman, of Wightwick, in the parish of Tettenhall, in the county of Stafford, Knight;

The Right Honourable Sir Marcus Samuel, of the Mote in the parish of Maidstone, in the county of Kent, and of Portland Place, in the borough of St. Marylebone, in the county of London, Knight, Lord Mayor of the City of London;

Philip Lancaster Brocklehurst, of Swythamley Park, in the parish of Rushton, in the county of Stafford, and of Stanhope Terrace, Hyde Park, in the county of London, Esquire;

Cory Francis Cory-Wright, of Caen Wood Towers, Highgate, in the borough of St. Pancras, in the county of London, and of Hornsey, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire;

Frederic Carne Rasch, of Woodhill, in the parish of Danbury, in the county of Essex, Esquire, Major late of the 4th (Militia) Battalion Essex Regiment;

William Henry Wilson-Todd, of Halnaby Hall, in the parish of Croft, in the North Riding of the county of York, and of Tranby Park, in the parish of Kirkella, in the East Riding of the said county, Esquire.

*Whitehall, July 30, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, appointing the Reverend Robert Lawrence

Ottley, M.A., to the Office and Place of Regius Professor of Pastoral Theology in the University of Oxford, together with the Place and Dignity of a Canon of the Cathedral Church of Christ in the said University, thereunto annexed, void by the death of the Reverend Robert Campbell Moberly, D.D.

*Buckingham Palace,*

*July 18, 1903.*

The KING was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the following Gentlemen:—

Patrick Heron Watson, Esq., LL.D., M.D., F.R.S.E., Honorary Surgeon to His Majesty in Scotland.

Alfred Downing Fripp, Esq., C.V.O., C.B., Surgeon in Ordinary to His Majesty.

Stephen Mackenzie, Esq., M.D., of 18, Cavendish-square, W.

Hiram Shaw Wilkinson, Esq., Chief Justice of His Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Corea.

William Alfred Gelder, Esq., Mayor of Hull.

Alfred Arnold, Esq., of Woodroyde, Halifax.

Henry Flemming Hibbert, Esq., of Dalegarth, Chorley, Lancashire.

Francis Charles Gore, Esq., Solicitor to the Board of Inland Revenue.

George Collard, Esq., Mayor of Canterbury.

Edwin Cooper Perry, Esq., M.D. Camb., F.R.C.P. London, Physician to Guy's Hospital.

Alexander Carmichael Bruce, Esq., Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

John Johnson Runtz, Esq., First Mayor of Stoke Newington.

William Godsell, Esq., of 18, Ridgway-place, Wimbledon.

George Thomas Lambert, Esq., C.B., late Director of Greenwich Hospital.

Lewis Tonna Dibdin, Esq., D.C.L., Dean of Arches.

Charles Samuel Bagot, Esq., late Legal Commissioner in Lunacy, and now an Honorary Commissioner in Lunacy.

Charles Petrie, Esq., late Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

*Foreign Office,*

*July 10, 1903.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of Count Reginald Ward as Consul-General of Roumania at London.

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, July 29, 1903.*

H. 11931.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated July 24, from His Majesty's Representative at Christiania, intimating that the Norwegian Government have declared Egypt and the ports of Chili to be infected with plague.

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, July 30, 1903.*

H. 11951.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated July 28, from His Majesty's Representative at St. Petersburg:—"Vilayet of Aleppo in Syria declared dangerous from plague and Jebel in Lebanon Vilayet free from plague."