

Patriotic Fund Commission constituted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, dated the seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, is dissolved, and the property, rights, duties, and liabilities thereof, and all property held in trust therefor, are transferred to and vested in the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation to be established in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act:

And whereas by the said Act it is enacted that twelve members of the said Corporation shall be appointed by Us, by Warrant under the Sign Manual, for a term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Now know ye, that We do by these presents, under our Royal Sign Manual, ordain and declare that you Our said Most Dear Brother and Councillor, Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, together with you the said Edmund Bernard Talbot; Sir James Bell; Sir Francis Mowatt; Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny; Sir Richard Davis Awdry; Sir James Gildea; Frank Thomas Marzials; William Hayes Fisher; Hudson Ewbanke Kearley; David James Shackleton; and Charles Henry Renn Stansfield shall be the first "appointed members" of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, to exercise, for the term of three years from the date hereof, in conjunction with the ex-officio members of the said Corporation specified in the First Schedule to the said Act, the powers and duties transferred to that body as aforesaid, and generally to carry into effect the provisions of the said Act.

And We do further ordain that you Our said Most Dear Brother and Councillor, Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, shall be President of the General Council of the said Corporation.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the seventh day of *January*, one thousand nine hundred and four, in the third year of Our Reign.

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

Whitehall, January 8, 1904.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Vice-Admiral Day Hort Bosanquet to be a Member of the Royal Commission on Food Supply in time of War, in the room of Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Uctred Noel, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., who has resigned in consequence of his appointment to the Command of the China Station.

Whitehall, January 8, 1904.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto William Henry Parkinson, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, is desirous of conferring upon him in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Lord Great Chamberlain's Office,
Palace of Westminster, S.W.,
January 12, 1904.*

All Peeresses on announcing their intention of being present on the occasion of the opening of Parliament on Tuesday, February 2nd, will have places reserved for them if announcement

be made at this Office before four o'clock on Thursday, January 28th.

Peers' eldest sons desiring seats in the Peers' eldest sons' box are requested to make a written or personal application at this Office.

No strangers can be admitted except by ticket from the Lord Great Chamberlain.

Tickets for the interior of the House of Lords will be admitted at the Peers' entrance.

Tickets for the Royal Gallery, at the Victoria Tower entrance.

The doors will be opened at 12 o'clock.

*CHOLMONDELEY,
Great Chamberlain.*

*Crown Office,
January 9, 1904.*

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

County of Devon—Mid or Ashburton Division.
Harry Trelawney Eve, Esq., K.C., in the place of the Right Honourable Charles Seale-Hayne, deceased.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
January 7, 1904.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. Gould, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Act, at Hatherleigh, in the county of Devon, is vacant.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
January 11, 1904.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. C. Sturges Jones, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Act, at Chichester, in the county of Sussex, is vacant.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, January 11, 1904.
H. 357.*

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated January 7, from His Majesty's Representative at St. Petersburg:—"Shanghai, Tientsin, Nagasaki, Vilayet of Damascus, declared free from cholera. Yokohama from plague."

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, January 11, 1904.
H. 415.*

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Notice, dated 10th December, 1903, from the Governor of Barbadoes, declaring Pernambuco to be a place infected with small-pox and plague.

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, January 11, 1904.
H. 434.*

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of the following Telegram, dated January 7, from the Governor of the Leeward Islands:—"British Guiana released from quarantine January 7."