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*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George.*

Downing Street, March 26, 1904.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

The Right Honourable Charles Hardinge, C.V.O., C.B., His Majesty's Ambassador-designate to His Majesty the Emperor of Russia.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 28th day of *March*, 1904.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, and of the Act of the fifth year of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria (Session Two), chapter twenty-six duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the tenth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and four, in the words following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the sixth and seventh years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, and of the Act of the fifth year of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria (Session Two) chapter twenty-six, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your

Majesty in Council, the following scheme for rebuilding (with certain sanitary and other improvements) the episcopal house of residence belonging to the Bishoprick of Saint David's, and situate in the parish of Abergwili, in the county of Carmarthen.

"Whereas the said episcopal house of residence was destroyed by fire on the twenty-eighth day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three, and in respect of the loss or damage so incurred, a sum of eight thousand four hundred pounds has been paid to us under the insurance whereby the said episcopal house of residence had been insured against loss or damage by fire.

"And whereas the Right Reverend John, Bishop of Saint David's, is desirous of rebuilding the said episcopal house of residence with certain sanitary and other improvements, and has submitted to us the particulars of such proposed rebuilding and improvements and we have approved the same.

"And whereas the moneys which will be available from the moneys paid to us under the said insurance and from the interest which has accrued in respect of such moneys will be insufficient for the purpose of defraying the cost of the said proposed rebuilding and improvements.

"And whereas the said Bishop is also desirous and it appears to us to be expedient that towards the cost of effecting the said proposed rebuilding and improvements a sum of two thousand pounds (being a sum which does not exceed two years' income of the See) should be provided by the borrowing of such sum by way of mortgage upon the security of all and every part of the lands tenements and hereditaments endowments or emoluments which now belong or may hereafter belong to the said Bishoprick of Saint David's.

Now therefore with the consent of the said John Bishop of Saint David's (testified by his having affixed his signature and episcopal seal to this scheme) we the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England humbly recommend and propose that