

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George.
Downing Street, April 14, 1905.*

The KING as Sovereign and Chief of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George has been graciously pleased, by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to appoint His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., I.S.O., to be Grand Master of the said Most Distinguished Order.

*Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.
Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace,
April 17, 1905.*

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, and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath—

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, bearing date the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, did give directions for the method of appointing Members of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

And whereas We are desirous of making certain alterations in such method of appointment.

Now know Ye that We of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion do hereby direct and ordain that, notwithstanding anything in the said Letters Patent contained, the signification of Our pleasure by Our signature on a submission made to us in the manner heretofore accustomed and notified to Our Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, shall be the full and final authority to the Great Master of the said Order to prepare the Grant of Dignity to the Member of the said Order.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at *Westminster*, the twenty-second day of *March*, in the fifth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.
MUIR MACKENZIE.

*Crown Office,
April 14, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to present the Reverend John Butler Cholmeley, B.A., to the Vicarage of St. Mark's, East Hull, in the county and diocese of York, void by the cession of the Reverend Maurice Parkin, the last Incumbent, and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

*Crown Office,
April 14, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to nominate the Reverend Francis Cæsar de Beauvais, B.A., to the Perpetual Curacy of Whiteshill, in the county and diocese of Gloucester, void by the death of the Reverend John Fowler Green, the last Incumbent, and in His Majesty's Gift by reason of lapse.

Westminster, April 14, 1905.

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Army (Annual) Act, 1905.

Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1905.

Leeds Corporation (Consolidation) Act, 1905.

*Foreign Office,
April 17, 1905.*

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a Telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Tokio, dated the 14th of April, stating that Kelung Harbour has been closed to foreign shipping during daytime until further notice.

*Foreign Office,
March 10, 1905.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Maurice William Ernest de Bunsen, K.C.V.O., C.B., to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of Portugal and the Algarves. (This appointment is to date from March 6, 1905.)

Whitehall, April 15, 1905

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Adam Block, Esq., C.M.G., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Grand Cordon of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, conferred upon