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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, to

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir Roland Lomax Bowdler Vaughan-Williams, Knight, one of the Ordinary Judges of Our Court of Appeal, and

Our trusty and well-beloved—

Hugh Richard Heathcote Cecil, Esquire (commonly called Lord Hugh Richard Heathcote Cecil);

Sir John Williams, Baronet, Knight Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order;

Frank Edwards, Esquire;

Owen Evans, Clerk, Master of Arts, Archdeacon of Carmarthen;

Samuel Thomas Evans, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Andrew Martin Fairbairn, Doctor in Divinity, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford;

John Ernest Greaves, Esquire, Our Lieutenant of the County of Carnarvon; and

Henry Jones, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, Professor of Moral Philosophy in Our University of Glasgow; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the origin, nature, amount and application of the temporalities, endowments and other properties of the Church of England in Wales and Monmouthshire; and into the provision made, and the work done, by the Churches of all Denominations in Wales and Monmouthshire for the spiritual welfare of the people, and the extent to which the people avail themselves of such provision; and to report thereon:

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, the said Sir Roland Lomax Bowdler Vaughan-Williams (Chairman); Hugh Richard Heathcote Cecil; Sir John Williams; Frank Edwards; Owen Evans; Samuel Thomas Evans; Andrew Martin Fairbairn; John Ernest Greaves; and Henry Jones, 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 three 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 and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire 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