

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,  
February 8, 1908.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 7th day of February, 1908, to direct the issue under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland of a Commission to make an Inventory of the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions connected with or illustrative of the contemporary culture, civilisation and conditions of life of the people in Scotland from the earliest times to the year 1707, and to specify those which seem most worthy of preservation, as follows:—

**EDWARD, R. & I.**

Our will and pleasure is that Letters Patent be made and passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in Scotland in the place of the Great Seal of Scotland in words and to the effect following:—

**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 Herbert Eustace Maxwell, Baronet, Fellow of the Royal Society, President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland:

Our trusty and well-beloved Charles John Guthrie, Esquire (commonly called The Honourable Lord Guthrie), one of the Senators of Our College of Justice in Scotland:

Our trusty and well-beloved Gerald Baldwin Brown, Esquire, Master of Arts, Professor of Fine Art in the University of Edinburgh:

Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Hastie Bryce, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland:

Our trusty and well-beloved Francis Christian Buchanan, Esquire:

Our trusty and well-beloved William Thomas Oldrieve, Esquire, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Principal Architect and Surveyor in Scotland to the Commissioners of Our Works and Public Buildings:

Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Ross, Esquire, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland: Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to make an Inventory of the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions connected with or illustrative of the contemporary culture, civilisation and conditions of life of the people in Scotland from the earliest times to the year 1707 such as

1. Sepulchral cairns and other burial places.
2. Forts, Camps, Earthworks, Brochs, Crannogs, and other defensive works, either over-ground or underground.
3. Stone Circles and Standing Stones, and Rock surfaces with incised or other sculpturings.
4. Architectural structures ecclesiastical and secular whether ruinous or in use, including sculptured or inscribed memorials.

And to specify those which seem most worthy of preservation:

Now know Ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, discretion and ability have nominated, constituted and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, constitute and appoint you the said Sir Herbert Eustace Maxwell (Chairman), Charles John Guthrie, Gerald Baldwin Brown, Thomas Hastie Bryce, Francis Christian Buchanan, William

Thomas Oldrieve and Thomas Ross, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said enquiry.

And for the better enabling you to carry out the purposes of this Commission We do by these presents authorize you to call in the aid and co-operation of owners of ancient monuments; inviting them to assist you in furthering the objects of this Commission: and We do further authorize and empower you to call before you, such persons as you may judge necessary by whom you may be the better informed of the matters herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith; with power to invite the possessors of such papers as you may deem it desirable to inspect to produce them before you; and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do further by these presents authorize and empower you or any one or more of you to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid.

And We do hereby direct that you or any one or more of you may from time to time proceed in the execution of this Commission and of every matter and thing herein contained.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you Our said Commissioners or any three or more of you do report to Us from time to time in writing under your Hands and Seals all and every your proceedings under and by virtue of these presents.

And for your assistance in the execution of these presents We do hereby nominate and appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Alexander Ormiston Curle, Esquire, Writer to the Signet, one of the Secretaries of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

And We ordain the said Letters Patent to be extended in the most ample form and to pass the Seal aforesaid *per saltum* without passing any other Seal or Register. For doing whereof these presents shall be to the Director of Our Chancery for writing the same and to the Keeper of the said Seal for causing the same to be appended thereto a sufficient Warrant.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the seventh day of *February*, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's command.

*John Sinclair.*

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,  
February 10, 1908.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 8th instant, to appoint John Campbell Lorimer, Esq., K.U., to be Sheriff of Ayrshire, in the room of Sir David Brand, deceased.

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The Secretary for Scotland has been pleased to appoint Philip Francis Wood, Esq., Advocate, L.L.B., to be Senior Counsel to the Secretary for