

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, civilization and conditions of life of the people in England, excluding Monmouthshire, from the earliest times to the year 1700, and to specify those which seem most worthy of preservation :

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 Herbert Coulstoun, Baron Burghclere (Chairman); Robert George, Earl of Plymouth; Harold Arthur, Viscount Dillon; David Alexander Edward Lindsay (Lord Balcarras); Sir Henry Hoyle Howorth; Sir John Francis Fortescue Horner; James Fitzgerald; John George Neilson Clift; Francis John Haverfield; Emslie John Horniman, and Leonard Stokes, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry :

And for the better enabling you to carry out the purposes of this Our 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 the Commission; and to invite the possessors of such papers as you may deem it desirable to inspect to produce them before you.

And We do further 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 hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved George Herbert Duckworth, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the twenty-seventh day of *October*, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.  
*H. J. Gladstone.*

*Whitehall, October 28, 1908.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 27th instant, to appoint Charles Robert, Viscount Althorp, to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of and in the county of Northampton, in the room of John Poyntz, Earl Spencer, K.G., resigned.

*Whitehall, October 28, 1908.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 27th instant, to appoint John Bruce Williamson, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to the University of Durham Commissioners, constituted under the University of Durham Act, 1908.

*Whitehall, October 30, 1908.*

The KING has been pleased to present the Reverend John Grasett Pope to the Vicarage of Maughold, in the Isle of Man and diocese of Sodor and Man, void by the cession of the Reverend Robert Daniel Kermodé, M.A., the last Incumbent.

*Whitehall, October 30, 1908.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 29th instant, to appoint George Gilbert Aimé Murray, Esq., M.A., LL.D., to the office or place of Professor of Greek in the University of Oxford, in the room of Ingram Bywater, Esq., M.A., resigned.

*Whitehall, October 30, 1908.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto John Richard Harding, Esq., late Engineer-in-Chief in the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs Service, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class of the Third Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon, conferred upon him by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber,  
Buckingham Gate, October 29, 1908.*

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint The Right Honourable The Lord Revelstoke Receiver General of the Duchy of Cornwall, vice Colonel Sir Robert Nigel Fitzhardinge Kingscote, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., deceased.