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FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1909.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, 3rd June, 1909.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following promotion in and appointment to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Knight Grand Cross:

Sir George William Buchanan, K.C.V.O., C.B., His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, and also to His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxemburg.

To be Member of the Fourth Class:

Captain Dennis Granville, Chief Constable of Dorset.

Whitehall, June 3, 1909.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 29th ultimo, to appoint The Reverend William Herbert Parkes, M.A., to the living of Firtree, Howden-le-Wear, void by the death of The Reverend Richard Howe.

Whitehall, June 3, 1909.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 2nd instant, to nominate The Reverend Henry Henn, M.A., Vicar of Bolton-le-Moors, Rural Dean, and Honorary Canon of Manchester, to be Bishop Suffragan of Burnley, in the Diocese of Manchester.

Whitehall, May 21, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to grant unto Evelyn Simpson, of the Wodehouse, in the parish of Wombourne and county of Stafford, Esquire, in the Commission of the Peace for the said county and for the county of Hertford, His Royal licence and authority, that he and his issue may take and henceforth use the surnames of Shaw-Hellier instead of that of Simpson, and that he and they may bear the arms of Shaw and Hellier quarterly with those of his and their own family arms; the said arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise the said Royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And to command that the said Royal concession and declaration be recorded in His Majesty's said College of Arms.

Downing Street,

June 2, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Sir Frank Athelstane Swettenham, K.C.M.G.; Sir Edward Loughlin O'Malley, Kt.; and Hubert Bayley Drysdale Woodcock, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Commissioners to enquire into the condition and resources of Mauritius.

His Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Alfred John Harding, Esq., B.A., to be Secretary to the aforesaid Commission.