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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1909.

Whitehall, December 30, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant 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 Most Dear Brother and Counsellor His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Great Master and Principal Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Field Marshal of Our Forces; and to

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir Frederick William Stopford (commonly called the Honourable Sir Frederick William Stopford), Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces;

Sir Cyprian Arthur George Bridge, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of

the Bath, Admiral on the retired list of Our Navy;

Sir George William Hervey, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Secretary and Comptroller-General, National Debt Office;

Sir Frank Thomas Marzials, Knight, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; and

Charles Henry Renn Stansfield, Esquire, Director of Greenwich Hospital, Greeting!

Whereas by an Act passed in a Session of Parliament holden in the third year of Our reign, intituled "An Act to reorganise the Administration of the Patriotic Fund," the Patriotic Fund Commission constituted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, dated the seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, was dissolved, and the property, rights, duties, and liabilities thereof, and all property held in trust therefor, were transferred to and vested in the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation established in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act:

And whereas by the said recited Act which came into operation on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and four, it is enacted that after the expiration of three years immediately succeeding the commencement of the Act, the members of the said Corporation to be appointed by Us by Warrant under the Sign Manual shall be six in number, and shall hold office for a term of three years:

And whereas in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the said Act, We did by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual bearing date the