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TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1911.

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*Whitehall, August 28, 1911.*

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

**GEORGE R.I.**

GEORGE THE FIFTH, 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 Counsellor Sir David Harrel, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Imperial Service Order; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir Thomas Ratcliffe Ratcliffe-Ellis, Knight;

Charles Gabriel Beale, Esquire;

Arthur Henderson, Esquire; and

John Burnett, Esquire, Greeting!

Whereas it hath been represented unto Us that a Commission should forthwith issue to

investigate the working of the Railway Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme, signed on behalf of the principal Railway Companies and of three Trade Unions of Railway employes at the Board of Trade on November 6th, 1907, and to report what changes (if any) are desirable with a view to the prompt and satisfactory settlement of differences:

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 David Harrel (Chairman); Sir Thomas Ratcliffe Ratcliffe-Ellis; Charles Gabriel Beale, Arthur Henderson; and John Burnett 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 two 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