

(2.) The conditions of service, salary, leave and pension;

(3.) Such limitations as still exist in the employment of non-Europeans and the working of the existing system of division of services into Imperial and Provincial;

and generally to consider the requirements of the Public Service, and to recommend such changes as may seem expedient:

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 John Poynder, Baron Islington (Chairman); Lawrence John Lumley Dundas (commonly called Earl of Ronaldshay) Sir Murray Ham-mick; Sir Theodore Morison; Sir Valentine Chirol; Mahadev Bhaskar Chaulbal; Abdur Rahim; Gopal Krishna Gokhale; Walter Culley Madge; Frank George Sly; Herbert Albert Laurens Fisher and James Ramsay Macdonald to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said enquiry.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power, at any place in Our said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in India, 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, whether in Our said United Kingdom, or in India, 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.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, the thirty-first day of *August*, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the third year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

R. McKenna.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, and 52 Vic., cap. 6, to the amount of £3,000,000 in replacement of Bills falling due on the 16th instant.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 16th September, 1912, and will be payable at six months after date, viz.:—on the 16th March, 1913.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for, and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Wednesday, the 11th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock on Monday, the 16th September, 1912.

6. The Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers,
3rd September, 1912.

Whitehall, September 4, 1912.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Egbert Sumner Verdon, Esq., M.D., His Majesty's Royal Licence and Authority to accept and wear the Insignia of Commander of the Hafidian Order, which Decoration was conferred upon him by the Sultan Mulai-Abd-el-Hafid of Morocco, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Whitehall, September 6, 1912.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the gentlemen whose names appear below His Majesty's Royal Licence and authority to accept and wear Decorations which His Majesty the Emperor of China, by an Imperial Edict dated the 6th February last, was pleased to confer upon them in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

Order of the Double Dragon.

Insignia of the First Class of the Third Grade.

Dugald Christie, Esq., C.M.G., Medical Officer for the Prevention of Plague, Mukden Station.

Insignia of the Second Class of the Third Grade.

Alexander Russell Young, Esq., Medical Officer for the Prevention of Plague, Mukden Station.

David Dickson Muir, Esq., Medical Officer for the Prevention of Plague, Mukden Station.