

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the prevalence of Venereal Diseases in the United Kingdom, their effects upon the health of the community, and the means by which those effects can be alleviated or prevented, it being understood that no return to the policy or provisions of the Contagious Diseases Acts of 1864, 1866 or 1869 is to be regarded as falling within the scope of the inquiry:

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 George Sydenham, Baron Sydenham of Combe (Chairman); Sir David Brynmor Jones; Sir Kenelm Edward Digby; Sir Almeric William FitzRoy; Sir Malcolm Alexander Morris; Sir John Collie; Arthur Newsholme; John William Horsley; John Scott Lidgett; Frederick Walker Mott; Mary Dacomb Scharlieb; James Ernest Lane; Philip Snowden; Louise Creighton and Elizabeth Miriam Burgwin 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 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; to call for information in writing; 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 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 matter herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the first day of *November*, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, in the fourth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

R. McKenna.

Schomberg House,

3rd November, 1913.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein has been pleased to appoint Miss Dorothy Seymour to be a Woman of the Bedchamber to Her Royal Highness, in the room of Mrs. W. H. Dick-Cunyngham, resigned.

Crown Office,

November 6, 1913.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Cork, North Cork Division.

John Guiney, Esq., in the room of Patrick Guiney, Esq., deceased.

Whitehall, June, 1913.

The KING has been pleased to grant, unto William Evans (otherwise William Gwynne-Evans), of Oaklands Park, in the parish of Awre, in the county of Gloucester, Esquire, son of Evan Evans, of the parish of St. John, in the county of Brecon, gentleman, deceased, His Royal licence and authority that he may continue to use the surname of Gwynne in addition to and before his present surname of Evans, and that such surname may in like manner be borne and used by his issue.

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

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

In pursuance of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Coal Mines Act, 1911, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Home Department proposes to make a general regulation under Sections 85 and 86 of the Act amending Part IV of the General Regulations of 10th July, 1913. The draft regulation provides that no apparatus shall be deemed to be breathing apparatus within the meaning of Part IV of the General Regulations unless the apparatus is of such a character that the wearer carries with him all the means for respiration in an irrespirable atmosphere, and is not dependent for them, while in such an atmosphere, on any other person or persons.

Copies of the draft regulation can be obtained on application to the Home Office. Any objection with respect to the draft regulation by or on behalf of any person affected thereby must be sent to the Secretary of State within thirty days from this date. Every such