

Sir Walter Tapper Jerred, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of the Assistant Secretaries to the Local Government Board;

Greeting!

WHEREAS by an Act passed in a Session of Parliament holden in the eighth year of Our Reign, intituled an Act to amend the Law with respect to Parliamentary and Local Government Franchises, and the Registration of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors, and the conduct of elections, and to provide for the Redistribution of Seats at Parliamentary Elections, and for other purposes connected therewith, it is enacted that We "may appoint Commissioners to prepare as soon as may be after the passing of this Act a scheme under which as nearly as possible one hundred members shall be elected to the House of Commons at a General Election on the principle of proportional representation for constituencies in Great Britain returning three or more members." And that "the number of members of the House of Commons as fixed under this Act shall not be increased by any such scheme. For the purpose of such scheme the Commissioners shall (after holding such local inquiries as they may deem necessary) combine into single constituencies returning not less than three nor more than seven members, such of the areas fixed as constituencies in the Ninth Schedule to this Act as they may select, but in selecting those areas they shall have regard to the advisability of applying the principle of proportional representation both to town and country."

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 James William Lowther (Chairman); David Dundas (commonly called Lord Dundas); Sir Thomas Henry Elliott, Sir Samuel Butler Provis, and Sir Walter Tapper Jerred to be Our Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

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; 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 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, prepare and submit to Us under your hands and seals,

or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, a Scheme in accordance with the provisions of the above recited Act.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the Twenty-fifth day of *February*, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

*Geo. Cave.*

*Foreign Office,*

*November 15, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of:—  
 Señor Don Diego Tomas Tillock as Consul-General of the Argentine Republic at Sydney for the Commonwealth of Australia with the exception of the States of Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania;  
 Señor Don Ulises A. Bartoli as Consul-General of the Argentine Republic at Melbourne for the States of Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania;  
 Mr. Arthur Ernest Baddeley as Consul-General of Siam at Singapore;  
 Mr. William A. Bickers as Consul of the United States of America at Adelaide, South Australia;  
 Mr. Thomas D. Edwards as Consul of the United States of America at Cornwall, Ontario;  
 Monsieur Louis Henri Théodore Charles Alexandre Jules Ledoux as Vice-Consul of France at Malta;  
 Señor Don Juan Vallarino as Consul of Panama at Southampton;  
 Mr. William Esplen as Consul of Siam at Liverpool;  
 Mr. Carlos H. Simmonds as Consul of Colombia at Sydney, New South Wales; and  
 Mr. Charles Herbert Warren as Consul of Chile at Adelaide, South Australia.

*Foreign Office,*

*November 30, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of:—  
 Mr. Keiichi Yamazaki as Consul-General of Japan in London;  
 Mr. Eisaku Suzuki as Consul-General of Japan at Hong Kong;  
 Señor Don Alejandro T. Bollini as Consul-General of the Argentine Republic at Calcutta;  
 Monsieur Johan Georg Jacob Raeder as Consul of Norway at Johannesburg for the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia, Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland;  
 Mr. G. Russell Taggart as Consul of the United States of America at Fort William and Port Arthur, Ontario;  
 Señor Don Gaspar Ruiz as Consul of Venezuela in Demerara;  
 Mr. Walter John Pugh as Consul of Switzerland at Auckland, New Zealand; and  
 Mr. J. B. C. A. Besseling as Vice-Consul of the Netherlands at Mombasa.