

any changes in the denominations of the currency and money account of the United Kingdom with a view to placing them on a decimal basis, and whether, if an alteration of the present system is recommended, it is desirable to adopt with or without modification the proposals embodied in the Bill recently introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Southwark or some other Scheme, and in the latter alternative to make specific recommendations for consideration by Parliament:

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 Alfred, Baron Emmott (Chairman); Richard Knight, Baron Southwark; Edmund Beckett, Baron Faber; Thomas Gair, Baron Ashton of Hyde; William Hesketh, Baron Leverhulme; Sir Richard Vassar Vassar-Smith; Sir Joseph Larmor; Sir George Croydon Marks; Sir Alfred William Watson; John Westerman Cawston; Sydney Armitage Smith; Charles Godfrey; James Bell; Joseph Burn; Harold Cox; George Hayhurst; Theodore McKenna; Geoffrey Marks; James Francis Mason; Albert Smith; George Murray Smith; and Gilbert Christopher Vyle to be Our Commissioners for the purpose of the said inquiry.

And for the better effecting the purpose of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any five 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 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 purpose 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 five 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 five 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 five or more of you, your opinion upon the matter herein submitted for your consideration.

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

By His Majesty's Command.
Geo. Cave.

ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE PEER FOR IRELAND.

Crown and Hanaper Office.

In pursuance of an Act passed in the fortieth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, entitled "An Act to regulate the mode by which the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, on the part of Ireland, shall be summoned and returned to the said Parliament," I do hereby give Notice, that The Right Honourable James Edward Geale, Viscount Charlemont, has been chosen to be the Peer to succeed to the vacancy made in the House of Lords of the said United Kingdom by the demise of William Edward, Earl of Rosse.

Dated this 19th day of August, 1918.

Gerald Horan,

Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper and
Permanent Secretary to the Lord
Chancellor of Ireland.

Crown Office,

30th August, 1918.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present the Rev. Thomas Alexander Lacey, M.A., to the Canonry in the Cathedral Church of Worcester, void by the death of the Rev. Canon William John Knox-Little, late Canon thereof, and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

Foreign Office,

August 13, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to approve of—
Mr. Arthur Bræn Ryde as Consul-General of Honduras in London;

Señor Don César A. Barranco y Fernández as Consul of Cuba at Toronto;

Senhor Eduardo Valerio Maria Ricci de Sousa as Consul of Portugal at Hong Kong;

Mr. James Fletcher Simpson as Consul of Norway at Madras;

Mr. Guillermo Lyon as Consul of Nicaragua at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad; and

Monsieur Georges Henri Denaint as Vice-Consul of France at Gibraltar.

Foreign Office,

August 20, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to approve of—
Mr. Henry P. Starrett as Consul of the United States of America at Adelaide, South Australia;

Mr. George L. Logan as Consul of the United States of America at Penang, Straits-Settlements; and

Mr. Sydney Hogg as Vice-Consul of Greece at Hartlepool.