

Vivian Leonard Henderson, Esquire, upon whom We have conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Captain, 3rd Battalion, The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire);

James Thomas Burns, Esquire, Chief Officer of the Birkenhead Fire Brigade, and Honorary Secretary of the Professional Fire Brigades Association;

Hedley Peters, Esquire, President of the National Fire Brigades Association; and

Henry Edward Stilgoe, Esquire, Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Chief Engineer, Metropolitan Water Board,

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the existing provision for (1) the avoidance of loss from fire, including the regulations dealing with construction of buildings, dangerous processes and fire risks generally, the arrangements for inquiry and research and for furnishing information and advice to public authorities and others on matters relating to fire prevention, and (2) the extinction of outbreaks of fire, including the control, maintenance, organization, equipment and training of Fire Brigades in Great Britain, and to report whether any, and if so what, changes are necessary, whether by statutory provision or otherwise, in order to secure the best possible protection of life and property against risks from fire, due regard being paid to considerations of economy as well as of efficiency:

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 Perceval Maitland Laurence (Chairman); Sir Joseph Ernest Petavel; Sir Sampson Sladen; Sir Vincent Henry Penalver Caillard; Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice; Arthur Lewis Dixon; Guy Symonds; Vivian Leonard Henderson; James Thomas Burns; Hedley Peters and Henry Edward Stilgoe 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 one 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 *Saint James's*, the nineteenth day of *January*, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

*Edwin Montagu.*

*Whitehall, January 27, 1921.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 27th instant, to appoint the Reverend Vernon Faithfull Storr, M.A., Honorary Canon of Winchester and Rector of Bentley, to the Canonry in the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, void by the promotion of the Reverend Canon William Temple, M.A., D.Litt., to the Bishopric of Manchester.

*Whitehall, January 27, 1921.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 25th instant, to appoint the Reverend John Jones, Vicar of Devoran, to the Living of Mithian, in the County of Cornwall, and Diocese of Truro, void by the resignation of the Reverend Benjamin Smart, the last Incumbent.

*Whitehall, January 27, 1921.*

Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland conferring the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom upon Sir William Beardmore, Baronet, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of Baron Invernairn, of Strathnairn, in the county of Inverness.

*Whitehall, January 27, 1921.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 1st instant, to appoint Sylvanus Percival Vivian, Esq., to be Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England, in the room of Sir Bernard Mallet, K.C.B., resigned.

*Whitehall, January 27, 1921.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 14th instant, to appoint Sir John Charles Lewis Coward, K.C., to be a Commis-