

taken, by legislation or otherwise, to remedy, equitably to all persons concerned, any defects or hardships that may be found to arise in existing conditions:

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 Frederic John Napier, Viscount Chelmsford (Chairman); William Adamson; Sir Walter Powell Nicholas; George Alfred Lewis; Granville Charles Hastings Wheler; Vernon Hartshorn; Hugh Reid Buchanan; Robert Geoffrey Ellis; Harold Jevons; Henry Louis; Montague Francis Maclean; Robert Forster MacSwinney; Frank Bradley Varley; and John David Wallis 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 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; 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 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 matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the fifteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, in the fourteenth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

W. C. Bridgeman.

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor Arthur Hamilton, Viscount

Lee of Fareham, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; and

Our Trusty and Well-beloved:—

Sir Reginald Henry Craddock, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, late Lieutenant-Governor of Burma;

Sir Cyril Jackson, Knight Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Sir Chimanlal Harilal Setalvad, Knight, Member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Bombay;

Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habibullah, Sahib Bahadur, Knight, Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Madras;

Rai Bahadur Hari Kishan Kaul, Companion of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Commissioner, Punjab;

David Petrie, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Indian Police Service;

Bhupendranath Basu, Esquire, Member of the Council of India; and

Reginald Coupland, Esquire, Beit Professor of Colonial History in Our University of Oxford;

Greeting!

Whereas, having regard to the necessity for maintaining a standard of administration in conformity with the responsibilities of the Crown for the Government of India, and to the declared policy of Parliament in respect of the increasing association of Indians in every branch of the administration, and in view of the experience now gained of the operation of the system of government established by the Government of India Act in respect of the superior Civil Services in India, We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into:—

(1) The organisation and general conditions of service, financial and otherwise, of those Services;

(2) The possibility of transferring immediately or gradually any of their present duties and functions to services constituted on a provincial basis;

(3) The recruitment of Europeans and Indians respectively for which provision should be made under the Constitution established by the said Act, and the best methods of ensuring and maintaining such recruitment; and to make recommendations:

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 Arthur Hamilton, Viscount Lee of Fareham (Chairman); Sir Reginald Henry Craddock; Sir Cyril Jackson; Sir Chimanlal Harilal Setalvad; Sir Muhammad Habibullah; Hari Kishan Kaul; David Petrie; Bhupendranath