

Our Trusty and Well-beloved:—

Sir George Loyd Courthope, Baronet, upon whom We have conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross;

Sir Albert Edward Pritchard, Knight;

Sir George Hammond Etherton, Knight, Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Sir Joseph Child Priestley, Knight, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Francis Dudley Williams Drummond, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) in Our Land Forces;

Rowland Richard Robbins, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Leopold Harvey, Esquire;

John Waller Hills, Esquire, Major, late Durham Light Infantry;

Herbert Alfred Learoyd, Esquire; and

Walter Robert Smith, Esquire:

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to enquire into the present law relating to Land Drainage in England and Wales and its administration throughout the country, to consider and report whether any amendment of the law is needed to secure an efficient system of arterial drainage without undue burdens being placed on any particular section of the community, and to make recommendations having regard to all the interests concerned:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents authorise and appoint you the said Charles, Baron Bledisloe (Chairman); Charles John Robert, Baron Clinton; Sir George Loyd Courthope; Sir Albert Edward Pritchard; Sir George Hammond Etherton; Sir Joseph Child Priestley; Francis Dudley Williams Drummond; Rowland Richard Robbins; Leopold Harvey; John Waller Hills; Herbert Alfred Learoyd and Walter Robert Smith 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 authorise and empower you, or any one or more of you, to visit and inspect personally 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 or 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 *twenty-second* day of *March*, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

W. Joynson-Hicks.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON
LAND DRAINAGE.

House of Lords, S.W. 1.

25th March, 1927.

MEMBER elected to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

Parliamentary Burgh of Leith.

Alfred Ernest Brown, Esquire, M.C., in the place of Captain William Wedgwood Benn, D.S.O., D.F.C., who since his election for the said Burgh hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York

Foreign Office,

February 3, 1927.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Edward Hubert Lascelles Hadwen, Esquire, to be one of His Majesty's Vice-Consuls in the Levant Consular Service.

Foreign Office,

February 22, 1927.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Sigmond Szana, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul at Timisoara.

Foreign Office,

March 1, 1927.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Claude Kirwood Ledger, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul for the Island of Madeira and its dependencies, and for the Azores, to reside at Funchal; and

Robert Turnley Hayes, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul at St. Michael's, Azores.