although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment:

And We do further ordain that 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 your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

> Given at Our Court at Saint James's the First day of May, 1935; In the Twenty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

> > By His Majesty's Command. John Gilmour.

ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE STATUS OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL.

Whitehall, May 7, 1935.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Com-mission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect :-

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, to

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor Sir Sidney Arthur Taylor Rowlatt, Knight Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India:

Our Trusty and Well-beloved :-

Sir Angus Newton Scott, Knight; and Charles Henry Roberts, Esquire:

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to examine the system of local government in the areas of local government north and south of the river Tyne from the sea to the boundary of the Rural Districts of Castle Ward and Hexham in the County of Northumberland and to the Western boundary of the County of Durham, to consider what changes, if any, should be made in the existing arrangements with a view to securing greater economy and efficiency, 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 Sir Sidney Arthur Taylor Rowlatt (Chairman); Sir Angus Newton Scott and Charles Henry Roberts to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said enquiry:

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto 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 | Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace.

you the fullest information on the subject, and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower 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, 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 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 your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

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John Gilmour.

ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS OF LOCAL THE GOVERNMENT ON TYNESIDE.

> Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

> > 10th May, 1935.

The following are the Regulations to be observed in connection with the Levée to be held by the KING at St. James's Palace on Friday the 31st instant :-

DRESS.

Navy. Officers, R.N., R.N.R., and R.N.V.R., in possession of Full Dress Uniform-No. 1 Dress (Full Dress).

Officers, R.N., R.N.R., and R.N.V.R., not in possession of Full Dress Uniform-No. 3 Dress (Frock Coat with Epaulettes).

Army. Officers in possession of Full Dress of their rank-Levée Dress.

Officers not in possession of Full Dress Uniform of their rank—Service Dress.

Air Force. Officers in possession of Full Dress Uniform-Full Dress.

Officers not in possession of Full Dress Uniform-Service Dress.

Civilians. Levée Dress.

1. Peers, Bishops, His Majesty's Lieutenants of Counties, Deputy Lieutenants of Counties, Members of Parliament, Officials connected with the Houses of Parliament, Clergy of all Denominations, and all gentlemen other than those mentioned in the following regulations, should communicate with the Comptroller,