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 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 four 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 four 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, or any four or more of 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 fourteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirtyfive, in the twenty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

> > By His Majesty's Command.

John Simon.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON SAFETY IN COAL MINES.

> Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1. 16th December, 1935.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 27th day of November, 1935, to appoint the Right Honourable Edward Frederick Lindley Viscount Halifax, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., to be Keeper of His Majesty's Privy Seal.

> The Order of Mercy, 12, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

> > December 12th, 1935.

His Majesty The KING, Sovereign of the Order of Mercy, has been graciously pleased to confer the Bar to the Order of Mercy on the following President, Lady President, Lady Vice-Presidents and Member of the League of Mercy:-

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