

into the causes which have influenced the present geographical distribution of the industrial population of Great Britain and the probable direction of any change in that distribution in the future; to consider what social, economic or strategical disadvantages arise from the concentration of industries or of the industrial population in large towns or in particular areas of the country; and to report what remedial measures if any should be taken in the national interest:

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 Montague Barlow (Chairman); Sir William Arthur Robinson; Sir Francis L'Estrange Joseph; Sir William Edward Whyte; Leslie Patrick Abercrombie; Ernest Bevin; Francis D'Arcy Cooper; Hermione Hichens; Margaret Neville Hill; John Harry Jones; George Parker Morris; Sydney Arthur Smith and George Walker Thomson 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 enquire 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, at the request of the Chairman, 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 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 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 *Holyroodhouse* the eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven; in the First year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

Samuel Hoare.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE
GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION
OF THE INDUSTRIAL POPULATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Crown Office,

*House of Lords,
12th July, 1937.*

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Rev. Samuel Francis Jackson, M.A., Litt.D., to the United Benefice of Mappowder with Plush, in the County of Dorset and Diocese of Salisbury, void by the resignation of the last Incumbent and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

*10, Downing Street,
Whitehall,*

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN ACT, 1937.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, it is hereby notified that the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Halifax, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Lord President of the Council and the Rt. Hon. the Earl De La Warr, Lord Privy Seal, have been members of the Cabinet since its formation on May 28th, 1937.

9th July, 1937.

Whitehall, July 12, 1937.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 1st instant, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Lieutenant-Colonel John James Jones, V.D.

[*His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 11th May, 1937.*]

Whitehall, July 12, 1937.

The KING has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned gentlemen:—

On Monday the 5th instant, at the Palace of Holyroodhouse:

Louis Stewart Gumley, Esq., Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh.

On Tuesday the 6th instant, on the occasion of Their Majesties visit to the Royal Scottish Academy:

George Pirie, Esq., President of the Royal Scottish Academy.

On Friday the 9th instant, on the occasion of Their Majesties visit to Glasgow:

John Stewart, Esq., Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow.

Whitehall, July 12, 1937.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Captain John Anthony Vere Morse, D.S.O., R.N., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Red Cravate with Blue and White Border of the Order of the Brilliant Jade, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him as Adviser on Training to the Chinese Navy.