

- (3.) To take and hold mortgages on the lands, and liens on the chattels of the said settlers, and to proceed in the recovery of debts :

And generally to do all such things and take all such proceedings as may be requisite and necessary to enable you to carry out the purposes of this Our Commission.

And We do further by these presents authorise and empower you, Our said Commissioners, to obtain such clerical or other assistance, and to appoint such agents or other officers as you may from time to time deem requisite and necessary, upon such terms as regards remuneration as may be sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you, Our said Commissioners, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing under your hands and seals all and every your several proceedings had by virtue of these presents.

And lastly, We do by these presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three of you, shall and may from time to time, at any place or places, 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.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the twenty-fourth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, in the fifty-second year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

LOTHIAN.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 1, 1888.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, G.C.B., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the King of Italy.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable William John George Napier, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Stockholm, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Tokio.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Hugh Gough, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Rio de Janeiro, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Stockholm.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Charles Fox Frederick Adam, Esq., a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Rio de Janeiro.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 17, 1888.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Ernest Mason Satow, Esq., C.M.G., now

Her Majesty's Minister Resident and Consul-General at Bangkok, to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident and Consul-General to the Oriental Republic of the Uruguay.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Lieutenant Henry Edward O'Neill, R.N., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Provinces of Lucca, Pisa, Leghorn (including the Island of Elba), and Grosseto, to reside at Leghorn.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 27, 1888.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Francis Stockinger as Consul-General at Bombay, for His Majesty the Emperor of Austria.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. M. Pineus as Consul at Durban, Port Natal, for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Ernest Biesterfeld as Consul at Newcastle-upon-Tyne for His Majesty the King of the Hellenes.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. Roberto J. Litton as Consul at Melbourne, Australia, for the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

WHITEHALL, December 23, 1888. •

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland constituting and appointing the Right Honourable George Francis Hamilton (commonly called Lord George Francis Hamilton); Admiral Sir Arthur William Acland Hood, K.C.B.; Admiral Sir Richard Vesey Hamilton, K.C.B.; Rear-Admiral John Ommanney Hopkins; Rear-Admiral Charles Frederick Hotham, C.B.; and Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereunto belonging.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

December 28, 1888.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that the Open Competitive Examination for Assistant Surveyorships in the Royal Engineer Department of the War Office, notice of which Examination was given in the London Gazette of the 27th ultimo, will be held under new Regulations, dated this day, which differ only from the Regulations, dated 7th April 1883, by the addition of the following Clause, viz. :—

VI. The successful Candidates will be required to pass a qualifying Examination in Modern Sanitation before the Civil Service Commissioners before being finally confirmed in their appointments.