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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST. JAMES'S PALACE, December 12, 1892.

OTICE is hereby given, that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the Public on and after Monday, the 26th instant, on every week day, Wednesdays excepted, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND, WHITEHALL, December 15, 1892.

The Queen has been pleased to direct that Letters Patent be made and passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, in the terms and to the effect following, viz:—

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to Our trusty and well-beloved David Brand, Esquire, Advocate, Sheriff of Ayrshire, and Chairman of the Crofters' Commission; Our trusty and well-beloved Michael Hugh Shaw-Stewart, Esquire, Member of Parliament for the Eastern Division of the County of Renfrew; Our trusty and well-beloved Angus Sutherland, Esquire, Member of Parliament for the County of Sutherland; Our trusty and well-beloved James Noel Muller Forsyth, Esquire of Quinish, Argyllshire; Our trusty and well-beloved George Gordon, Esquire, Land Valuer, Elgin; Our trusty and well-beloved

John Malcolm M'Callum, Minister of the Parish of Muckairn, Argyllshire; Our trusty and wellbeloved John Macleod, Esquire, Inverness; and Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Munro, Esquire, Inverness,—Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire whether any, and if any, what land in the Counties of Argyll, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Caithness, and Orkney and Shetland, now occupied for the purposes of a deer forest, grouse moor, or other sporting purposes, or for grazing, not in the occupation of crofters or other small tenants, is capable of being cultivated to profit or otherwise advantageously occupied by crofters or other small tenants:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, discretion, and ability, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said David Brand, Michael Hugh Shaw-Stewart, Angus Sutherland, James Noel Muller Forsyth, George Gordon, John Malcolm M'Callum, John Macleod, and Henry Munro, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry:

And for the better enabling you Our said Commissioners to make the said inquiry, We do by these presents authorise and empower you, or any three or more of you, to call before you, or any three or more of you, such persons as you may judge neccessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the matters herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith, and also to call for, have access