Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct that from and after the date of the exhibition of the said light, or from and after the time of the receipt of notice of the present Order, if that be later, by the Officers authorised to collect light dues, the following rates shall be paid, that is to say:-

On all vessels, whether British or foreign, which may pass or derive benefit from the said light, that is to say, on all vessels which shall pass through the Pentland Firth, or across it between lines drawn from Duncansbay Head to Old Head in South Ronaldshay on the east, and Dunnethead and Brimsness-in-Hoy on the west, eight-sixteenths of a penny per ton of the burden of every such ship if on an oversea vovage, and one-sixteenth of a penny per ton if on a coasting voyage for each time of passing or deriving benefit.

The said tolls shall be levied subject to the regulations and exemptions contained in the Consolidated Tables of Light Duties, sanctioned by an Order in Council dated the twenty-fourth day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninetyone, or to such other regulations and exemptions as may from time to time be duly sanctioned, and subject also to the gross abatement or discount of sixty-five per centum, mentioned in the said Order in Council, dated the twenty-fourth day of November one thousand eigh hundred and ninetyone, or to such other abatement or discount as may for the time being be in force.

C. L. PEEL.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, August 5, 1896.

The Queen has been pleased to nominate and appoint His Excellency Li Hung Chang to be an Honorary Knight Grand Cross, and

Li Ching Fong to be an Honorary Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER, ST. JOHN'S GATE, CLERKENWELL, LONDON, E.C.,

August 17, 1896.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:-

Knights of Grace.

Surgeon-Major-General James Jameson, M.D., Director-General, Army Medical Department.

John William Maclure, Esq., M.P.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel James Moncrieff Grierson, R.A. (Military Attaché, British Embassy, Berlin).

Esquires.

The Honourable George Airey Kirkpatrick (Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario). General James Michael, C.S.I.

Major George Francis Leverson, R.E.

Captain Astley Herbert Terry (Army Service Corps).

OFFICE OF ARMS, DUBLIN CASTLE, August 15, 1896.

This day, at the Viceregal Lodge, His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, K.G., was pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon-

Frederick Falkiner, Esquire, Q.C., Recorder of Dublio.

Francis R. Cruise, Esquire, M.D.

Arthur E. Vicars, Esquire, F.S.A., Ulster King of Arms, Registrar and Knight Attendant on the Most Illustrious Order of S. Patrick.

ARTHUR VICARS, Ulster.

WHITEHALL, August 17, 1896.

The Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:

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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 right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Alexander Hugh, Baron Balfour of Burleigh, Our Secretary for that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Scotland, Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland; Chairman;

Our trusty and well-beloved Frederick Archibald Vaughan Campbell, Esquire (commonly called Viscount Emlyn);

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor John Blair Balfour;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir John Tomlinson Hibbert, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Charles Beilby Stuart-Wortley; and

Our trusty and well-beloved-

Sir Edward Walter Hamilton, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Assistant Secretary to the Commissioners of Our Treasury for Great Britain and Ireland;

Sir Alfred Milner, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Chairman of the Commissioners of Our Inland Revenue:

Cornelius Neale Dalton, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of the Assistant Secretaries to the Local Government Board;

Charles Alfred Cripps, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the law;

Harcourt Everard Clare, Esquire, Town Clerk of Our City of Liverpool;