

Thomas Henry Elliott, Esquire, Secretary to the Board of Agriculture;
 Arthur O'Connor, Esquire;
 Edward Orford Smith, Esquire, Town Clerk of Our City of Birmingham;
 James Stuart, Esquire; and
 John Lloyd Wharton, Esquire; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the present system under which taxation is raised for local purposes, and report whether all kinds of real and personal property contribute equitably to such taxation, and if not, what alterations in the law are desirable in order to secure that result:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents authorise and appoint, you, the said Alexander Hugh, Baron Balfour of Burleigh, Frederick Archibald Vaughan Campbell (commonly called Viscount Emlyn), John Blair Balfour, Sir John Tomlinson Hibbert, Charles Beilby Stuart-Wortley, Sir Edward Walter Hamilton, Sir Alfred Milner, Cornelius Neale Dalton, Charles Alfred Cripps, Harcourt Everard Clare, Thomas Henry Elliott, Arthur O'Connor, Edward Orford Smith, James Stuart, and John Lloyd Wharton, 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 five 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; 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 authorise and empower you, or any five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect 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 five 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 five 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 do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any five or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at St. James', the fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, in the sixtieth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

LANSDOWNE.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS, 1878 to 1895.

In pursuance of Section 67 of "The Factory and Workshop Act, 1878," the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been pleased to appoint James Thomas Ashton, Esq., to be an Inspector of Factories, for the performance of the duties necessary under Section 40 of the Act of 1895, as Assistant Examiner of Particulars.

Whitehall, August 17, 1896.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1894.

The Board of Agriculture have appointed Frederick Macnabb Gough to be a Temporary Assistant Inspector for the purposes of the above-mentioned Act, *vice* Charles Edward Salmon, whose appointment has been at his request cancelled.

Board of Agriculture, August 17, 1896.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

August 13, 1896.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that at an Open Competitive Examination for the situation of Junior Clerk in the Office of Her Majesty's Woods, &c., held in London on the 28th July 1896, and following days, notice of which Examination was given in the London Gazette of the 16th June 1896, the under-mentioned Candidate obtained the first place:—

Best, George Percival.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

August 18, 1896.

The following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names:—

August 13, 1896.

AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Boy Clerks—Arthur Ainsworth, William John Arlett, Denis Fitzpatrick, Arthur Thomas Gray, Harry Snell Hook, Thomas Michael Hurley, Thomas Kelly, Reginald John Shaw, Richard Vincent Sturt, Jack Wright.

Irish Land Commission: Third Class Clerk—Herbert Clarke.

Post Office: Female Sorter, London—Ethel Mary Chandler.

AFTER LIMITED COMPETITION AND UNDER CLAUSE 7 OF THE ORDER IN COUNCIL OF 4TH JUNE 1870.

Post Office: Assistant Clerks (Abstractor Class)—John Edmund Green, Edwin Francis Moody, Joseph Ernest Towle, Edgar Joseph Walker.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Customs: Boatman—Robert Nelson.

Inland Revenue: Messenger—Francis Robert Cullimore.

Post Office: Sorter-Tracer, London—William Herbert Irons.

Postman, Dublin—Patrick Duignan.

Skilled Telegraphist—Flora Jane Wilbee.

Postmaster, Barnoldswick—Fred Baldwin.