

WHITEHALL, May 9, 1898.

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 right well-beloved cousin Walter Stafford, Earl of Iddesleigh, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Richard Thorne Thorne, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Medical Officer of the Local Government Board;

Our trusty and well-beloved Constantine Phipps Carey, Esquire, Lieutenant - Colonel and Honorary Major-General on the Retired List of Our Army;

Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Philip Cotton, Esquire;

Our trusty and well-beloved Michael Foster, Esquire, Master of Arts, Professor of Physiology in Our University of Cambridge;

Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Walter Harding, Esquire, Retired Lieutenant-Colonel of Our Auxiliary Forces, with Honorary Rank of Colonel;

Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas William Killick, Esquire;

Our trusty and well-beloved William Ramsay, Esquire, Professor of Chemistry, University College, London; and

Our trusty and well-beloved James Burn Russell, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Master of Surgery: Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire and report—

1.—(1) What method or methods of treating and disposing of sewage (including any liquid from any factory, or manufacturing process) may properly be adopted, consistently with due regard for the requirements of the existing law, for the protection of the public health, and for the economical and efficient discharge of the duties of local authorities; and

(2) If more than one method may be so adopted, by what rules, in relation to the nature or volume of sewage, or the population to be served, or other varying circumstances or requirements, should the particular method of treatment and disposal to be adopted be determined; and

2. To make any recommendations which may be deemed desirable with reference to the treatment and disposal of sewage.

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 Walter Stafford, Earl of Iddesleigh, Sir Richard Thorne Thorne, Constantine Phipps Carey, Charles Philip Cotton, Michael Foster, Thomas Walter Harding, Thomas William Killick, William Ramsay, and James Burn Russell, 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; 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 three 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 further 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, or any three 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 three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in such matters, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Frederick James Willis, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at Saint James', the seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, in the sixty-first year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

M. W. RIDLEY.

DUBLIN CASTLE, May 9, 1898.

Her Majesty has been pleased, in pursuance of section 3 of the Act 35 and 36 Vict. cap. 69, to appoint by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 5th instant, Henry Augustus Robinson, Esquire, C.B., to be Vice-President of the Local Government Board for Ireland.

DUBLIN CASTLE, May 9, 1898.

Her Majesty has been pleased, in pursuance of section 3 of the Act 35 and 36 Vict. cap. 69, to appoint by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 5th instant, William Lawson Micks, Esquire, to be a Commissioner on the Local Government Board for Ireland.