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WHITEHALL, July 9, 1906.

`HE King has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect :-

EDWARD, R. & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to

Our trusty and well-beloved-

- Ivor Churchill Guest, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Ivor Churchill Guest);
- Sir William Hovell Browne ffolkes, Baronet; Sir Leonard Lyell, Baronet;
- William Matthews, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; William Phipson Beale, Esquire, one of Our
- Counsel learned in the Law;
- George Charles Frederick, Esquire, Commander on the Retired List of Our Royal Navy;
- Henry Rider Haggard, Esquire ; Thomas John Jehu, Esquire, Professor of Geology in Our University of Saint Andrews;
- Arthur Levy Lever, Esquire ; Robert Beattie Nicholson, Esquire, Town Clerk of Lowestoft ;
- Patrick O'Brien, Esquire ;
- Thomas Summerbell, Esquire; and
- Arthur Stanley Wilson, Esquire ;-Greeting !

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

(a) As to the encroachment of the sea on various parts of the Coast of the United Kingdom, and the damage which has been or is likely to be caused thereby; and what measures are desirable for the prevention of such damage :

(b) Whether any further powers should be conferred upon Local Authorities and owners of property with a view to the adoption of effective and systematic schemes for the protection of the Coast and the banks of tidal rivers :

(c) Whether any alteration of the law is desirable as regards the management and control of the foreshore :

(d) Whether further facilities should be given for the reclamation of tidal lands :

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 Ivor Churchill Guest (Charman); Sir William Hovell Browne fiolkes; Sir Leonard Lyell; William Matthews; William Phipson Beale; George Charles Frederick; Henry Rider Haggard; Thomas John Jehu; Arthur Levy Lever; Robert Beattie Nicholson; Patrick O'Brien; Thomas Summerbell; and Arthur Stanley Wilson, 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 Com-