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THE 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 right trusty and well beloved Cousin and Councillor William Court, Viscount Selby;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Amelius Mark Lockwood, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Honorary Colonel of the 4th Battalion of the Essex Regiment; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir William Selby Church, Baronet, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine;

Sir William Job Collins, Knight, Doctor of Medicine;

Sir John M'Fadyean, Knight;

Mackenzie Dalzell Chalmers, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, one of the Under Secretaries of State to Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department;

Abel John Ram, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Walter Holbrook Gaskell, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine;

James Tomkinson, Esquire; and

George Wilson, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into and report upon the practice of subjecting live animals to experiments, whether by vivisection or otherwise; and also to inquire into the law relating to that practice, and its administration; and to report whether any, and if so what, changes are desirable:

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 William Court, Viscount Selby (Chairman); Amelius Mark Lockwood; Sir William Selby Church; Sir William Job Collins; Sir John M'Fadyean; Mackenzie Dalzell Chalmers; Abel John Ram; Walter Holbrook Gaskell; James Tomkinson; and George 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 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