TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1910.

WHITEHALL, October 13, 1910.

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

GEORGE, R. I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, 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—

Sir Frederick Pollock, Baronet, Doctor of Civil Law, Barrister-at-Law, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries;

Sir Evan Vincent Evans, Knight;

Charles Harding Firth, Esquire, Master of Arts, Doctor of Laws, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Regius Professor of Modern History in Our University of Oxford;

Montague Rhodes James, Esquire, Doctor of Literature, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Provost of King's College in Our University of Cambridge;

Frederic George Kenyon, Esquire, Doctor of Literature, Director and Principal Librarian of the British Museum;

Sidney Lee, Esquire, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Literature;

Henry Owen, Esquire, Doctor of Civil Law, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries;

Henry Richard Tedder, Esquire, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Secretary and Librarian of the Athenæum Club; and

William Llewellyn Williams, Esquire, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Civil Law, Barrister-at-Law;

Greeting!

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

(1) As to the working of the Public Records Act, 1 and 2 Vict., c. 94, the Public Records Act,

40 and 41 Vict., c. 55, the Public Records Act, 61 and 62 Vict., c. 12, the Order in Council of March 5, 1852, and any other Acts of Parliament and Orders in Council and Treasury Minutes concerning the custody and control of the Public Records of England and Wales, as well as all rules and regulations now in force at the Public Record Office;

(2) As to all arrangements now in operation for the collection, control, custody, preservation from decay or injury, classification, description, cataloguing, indexing, calendaring, publishing, making accessible and disposing of the Public Records of England and Wales;

(3) As to the Record Publications (texts, calendars, reports and lists) since the year 1838, illustrating the national history of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales;

(4) As to the custody of local records of a public nature;

(5) As to the Record Office establishment and the training of archivists, and

(6) As to any further measures which it may be advisable to take for these purposes:

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 Sir Frederick Pollock (Chairman); Sir Evan Vincent Evans; Charles Harding Firth; Montague Rhodes James; Frederic George Kenyon; Sidney Lee; Henry Owen; Henry Richard Tedder; and William Llewellyn Williams, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said enquiry.

And for the better enabling you to carry out the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents authorise you to call in the aid and co-operation of the custodians of public records and of local records of a public nature, inviting them to assist you in furthering the objects of the Commission; and to invite the possessors of such papers as you may deem it