or more of you, such persons as you shall judge most competent by reason of their situation, knowledge or experience, to afford you correct information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have accress to and examine all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

AND WE DO further by these presents authorise and empower you or any of you to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem 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 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 OUR FURTHER WILL and pleasure is that you or any three or more of you may have liberty to report to Us your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do;

AND WE FURTHER ordain 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 WE WILL AND COMMAND the said Letters Patent to be extended in the most ample form and to pass the Seal aforesaid *per saltum* without passing any other Seal or Register. For doing whereof these Presents shall be to the Director of Our Chancery for writing the same and to the Keeper of the said Seal for causing the same to be appended thereto a sufficient Warrant.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, the thirtieth day of October 1912, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

(Sgd.) T. M'KINNON WOOD.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,

1st November 1912.

BOARD OF GREEN CLOTH, November 1, 1912.

The King has been pleased to make the following appointment to His Majesty's House-hold :---

Geoffrey Cecil, Lord Saye and Sele, to be Comptroller of the Household, in the room of Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., resigned.

MASTER OF THE HORSE'S OFFICE, ROYAL MEWS, BUCKINGHAM PALACE, October 30, 1912.

The King has been graciously pleased to appoint Mr. Frederick Hobday, F.R.C.V.S., to

be an Honorary Veterinary Surgeon to His Majesty.

CROWN OFFICE, November 1, 1912.

The King has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the 1st November 1912, to appoint Clement Meacher Bailhache, Esq., K.C., to be one of the Justices of His Majesty's High Court of Justice.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Thursday the 7th instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vict., cap. 2, 52 Vict., cap. 6, and 2 & 3 Geo. V., cap. 7, to the amount of \pounds 3,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1000, £5000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 12th November 1912, and will be payable at three months after date, viz., on the 12th February 1913.

3. The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for, and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Friday the 8th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock on Tuesday the 12th November 1912.

6. The Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 1st November 1912.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 29, 1912.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from His Majesty's Minister at Sofia, a telegram, dated October 28th, to the following effect :---

The Port of Bourgas has been mined, and is consequently closed to shipping for the present.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 31, 1912.

His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs thinks it would be as well to state that the fact that a British merchant vessel has been stopped, visited, or searched at sea by a warship of a belligerent Power is not of itself a matter of which the owner has a right to complain, or which would, unless in exceptional circumstances, justify diplomatic action by His Majesty's