

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 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 by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, 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.

Provided that, should you deem it expedient, the powers and privileges hereinbefore conferred on you shall belong to, and may be exercised by, any one or more of you.

Provided also that the powers and privileges hereinbefore conferred on you or any one or more of you shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, the powers and privileges conferred on you or any one or more of you by the Commission appointed by Us on the thirty-first day of March last, and styled "The Defence of the Realm Losses Commission."

And Our will and pleasure is that you do, from time to time, either jointly or by divisions as aforesaid, report to the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury, under your hands and seals, your opinions upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the second day of August, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, in the sixth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

JOHN SIMON.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Public Works Loan Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., cap. 51, section 1), they have been pleased to direct by their Minute of the 6th August 1915, that on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund, subsequently to the date of that Minute, there shall be chargeable, in lieu of the rates fixed by Treasury Minute of the 10th September 1914, the following rates of interest, viz. :—

	Rate of Interest.
I. Loans to Local Authorities for any purposes of the Housing Acts and the Small Holdings Acts—	
Any period	4½ per cent.

Rate of
Interest.

II. Other Loans secured on Local Rates—

Not exceeding 30 years...	4½ per cent.
" " 50 " ...	4¼ "

III. Loans not secured on Local Rates—

(a) Loans under the Harbour and Passing Tolls Act, 1861—

(i) With collateral security of property.

Not exceeding 30 years...	4½ per cent.
" " 50 " ...	4¼ "

(ii) Without collateral security.

Not exceeding 30 years...	5 per cent.
" " 50 " ...	5¼ "

(b) Loans under the Housing Acts—

(i) To companies and private persons limiting their profits as provided by Treasury Minute of 14th November 1890.

Not exceeding 30 years...	4½ per cent.
" " 40 " ...	4¼ "

(ii) To companies and private persons not so limiting their profits.

Not exceeding 30 years...	5 per cent.
" " 40 " ...	5¼ "

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 1, 1915.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Henry James Brett, Esq., to be one of His Majesty's Vice-Consuls in China.

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 13, 1915.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Evelyn Charles Donaldson Rawlins, Esq., to be His Majesty's Consul for the Island of Crete, to reside at Canea.

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 26, 1915.

The KING has been pleased to approve of—

Monsieur Christofor Kristy as Consul of Russia at Liverpool;

Señor Don Joaquin de Iturralde y Lopez-Silvero as Consul of Spain at Glasgow, for the Counties of Argyll, Bute, Dumbarton, Stirling, Perth, Clackmannan, Renfrew, Lanark, and Peebles, the Hebrides and St. Kilda;

Mr. Henry H. Balch as Consul of the United States of America at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia;