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Scottish Office, Whitehall,
9th April 1920.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 1st instant, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, appointing His Grace The Duke of Atholl, K.T., C.B., M.V.O., D.S.O., to be His Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which is to meet on the 18th proximo.

SPECIAL ACTS (EXTENSION OF TIME) ACT, 1915.

GREAT NORTH OF SCOTLAND RAILWAY ORDER, 1915.

Whereas by the Special Acts (Extension of Time) Act, 1915, it is provided, *inter alia*, that where the time within which a power may be exercised under any Special Act is limited, an application may be made by the person by whom such power may be exercised to the appropriate Government Department for an Order extending that time, and that the Department, if satisfied that the time should be extended, may make an Order accordingly, and it is further provided that no time shall be extended under any such Order for more than a year, without prejudice however to the making of any further Order :

And whereas under Sections 13 and 14 of the Great North of Scotland Railway Order, 1915, the Great North of Scotland Railway Company (hereinafter called "the Company") were empowered compulsorily to acquire certain lands, for the purposes therein mentioned, and by Section 23 of that Order the time within which the said powers of compulsory acquisition may be exercised is limited to a period which expired on the 24th day of June 1918 :

And whereas on the 8th day of April 1918 upon the application of the Company the Secretary for Scotland made an Order (hereinafter called "the Order of 1918") under the said Special Acts (Extension of Time) Act, 1915, extending for one year, that is to say, until the 24th day of June 1919, the time within which the said powers of compulsory acquisition might be exercised, and on the 30th day of May 1919 made an Order (hereinafter called the "Order of 1919") further extending the said time until the 24th day of June 1920 :

And whereas the Company have, in terms of the said Special Acts (Extension of Time) Act, 1915, applied to the Secretary for Scotland for an Order further extending the said time :

And whereas I am satisfied that the time in respect of which the application is made should be further extended :

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the last-mentioned Act, I, the Right Honourable Robert Munro, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, hereby order as follows :—

1. The time within which the powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of land