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

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to Our right trusty and right entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Edward Adolphus, Duke of Somerset, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter; Our most dear Son and Councillor Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Captain in Our Fleet; Our trusty and well-beloved Henry George Liddell, Esq. (commonly called the Honourable Henry George Liddell); Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Thomas Milner Gibson; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir James Hope, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Admiral in Our Fleet; Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Cadogan Rothery, Esq., Registrar of Our High Court of Admiralty of England; Our trusty and well-beloved Arthur Cohen, Esq., Barrister-at-Law; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Brassey, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Peter Denny, Esq.; Our trusty and beloved George Duncan, Esq., a Member of the Committee of Lloyd's Register; Our trusty and well-beloved Edward Dover Edgell, Esq., a Junior Brother of the Ancient Corporation of the Trinity House; and Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Watkins Merrifield, Esq., Fellow of the Royal Society, Principal of the Royal School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, greeting:

Whereas We have deemed it expedient, for divers good causes and considerations, that a Commission should forthwith issue to make inquiry with regard to the alleged unseaworthiness of British registered ships, whether arising from over-

loading, deck-loading, defective construction, condition, form, equipment or machinery, age, or improper stowage, also to inquire into the present system of marine insurance, the state of the law as to the liability of shipowners for injury to those whom they employ, and the alleged practice of under manning ships, and to suggest any amendments in the law which might remedy or lessen such evils as may be found to have arisen from the matters aforesaid.

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and discretion, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said Edward Adolphus, Duke of Somerset, Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, Henry George Liddell, Thomas Milner Gibson, Sir James Hope, Henry Cadogan Rothery, Arthur Cohen, Thomas Brassey, Peter Denny, George Duncan, Edward Dover Edgell, and Charles Watkins Merrifield, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.

And for the better enabling you to carry Our Royal intentions into effect, We do by these presents authorize and empower you, or any five or more of you, to call before you, or any five or more of you, such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the matters herein submitted for your consideration, and every matter connected therewith, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And also to call for and examine all such books, documents, papers, or records as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this Our Commission, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And we do further, by these presents, authorize and empower you, or any five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places in Our United Kingdom as you may deem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid, and to employ such persons as you may