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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 well-beloved Councillor Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Our trusty and well-beloved Frederick Charles Cavendish, Esq. (commonly called Lord Frederick Charles Cavendish); Our right trusty and well-beloved Alexander Hugh, Baron Balfour, of Burley; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Charles Du Cane, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Robert Brand, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Knowles, Esq.; and Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Owen O'Connor, Esq. (commonly called the O'Connor Don), greeting:

Whereas it has been represented unto Us that it is expedient that inquiry should be made into the several matters hereinafter mentioned: 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 Sir James Fergusson; Frederick Charles Cavendish, Esq. (commonly called Lord Frederick Charles Cavendish); Alexander Hugh, Baron

Balfour, of Burley; Sir Charles Du Cane; Henry Robert Brand; Thomas Knowles; and Charles Owen O'Connor (commonly called the O'Connor Don), to be Our Commissioners to inquire into the working of the Factory and Workshops Acts with a view to their consolidation and amendment, and specially to consider whether they can be made more consistent and harmonious, and whether any of their provisions may properly be extended to other trades, industries, and occupations not included therein; and whether in the case of other trades, industries, and occupations other than those dealt with by the Act of 1874, any further provisions are requisite for the improvement of the health and education of young persons and children, and whether any further provision is needed for the due enforcing of such Acts, or if not, in what way the existing provisions may be improved.

And for the better discovery of the truth in the premises, We do by these presents give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any three or more of you, such persons as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of the truth in the premises, and to inquire of the premises and every part thereof by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever, and also to call for and examine all such books, documents, papers, and records, as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest information on the subject of this Our Commission.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you, Our said Commissioners, do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us in writing, under your