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WHITEHALL, June 23, 1882.

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 George William Wilshere, Baron Bramwell; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Coode, Knight, Member of the Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers; Our trusty and well-beloved Alexander William Williamson, Esq., Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Philosophy, Fellow of the Royal Society, Professor of Chemistry in the University College, London; Our trusty and well-beloved Francis Stephen Bennet François de Chaumont, Esq., Retired Surgeon-Major in Our Army, Doctor of Medicine, Fellow of the Royal Society; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Stevenson, Esq., Doctor of Medicine; and Our trusty and well-beloved James Abernethy, Esq., Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into and report upon the system under which Sewage is discharged into the Thames by the Metropolitan Board of Works, whether any evil effects result therefrom, and in that case what measures can be applied for remedying or preventing the same:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these

presents authorize and appoint, you, the said George William Wilshere, Baron Bramwell, Sir John Coode, Alexander William Williamson, Francis Stephen Bennet François de Chaumont, Thomas Stevenson, and James Abernethy, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these presents give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have access to, and examine all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, 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 three or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem expedient 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 We further ordain that you, or any three or more of you, may have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission, from time to time, if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you