

persons who are to present them, must be sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office two clear days before the Levee. Two other cards, containing similar information, are to be taken to the Levee, one to be delivered to The Queen's Page in Attendance in the Corridor, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to the Queen.

On these occasions no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

DE LA WARR,
Lord Chamberlain.

*War-Office, Pall-Mall,
March 29, 1859.*

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Royal sign manual, of which the following is a copy, to enquire into the present System of Recruiting the Army,

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 Beaumont, Baron Hotham, of that part of Our United Kingdom called Ireland, Major-General of Our Forces;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Alexander Murray Tulloch, Colonel in Our Army, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Military Superintendent of Out-Pensioners of Our Army;

Our trusty and well-beloved William Frederick Forster, Knight of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Major-General of Our Forces;

Our trusty and well-beloved David Russell, Esquire, Colonel in Our Army, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Thomas Leslie, Esquire, Colonel in Our Indian Forces, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Our trusty and well-beloved John George Smyth, Esquire, Colonel in the 2nd Regiment of West York Militia; and

Our trusty and well-beloved Peter Blackburn, Esquire, one of the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury, Greeting :

Whereas We deem it expedient, that a Commission should issue for the purpose of enquiring into the present System of Recruiting our Army :

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and ability, have authorized and appointed, and by these presents do authorize and appoint, you the said Beaumont, Baron Hotham, Sir Alexander Murray Tulloch, William Frederick Forster, David Russell, John Thomas Leslie, John George Smyth, and Peter Blackburn, to be Our Commissioners, to enquire into the present System of Recruiting Our Army, with the view of suggesting such changes in the existing regulations and organization of the recruiting department, as may tend to facilitate the raising of men in a more expeditious, satisfactory and economical manner, and to prevent desertion, and fully and carefully to consider these important subjects, and all matters relating thereto, which may appear to you to be necessary.

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 make such enquiry as aforesaid, either in London or at the Recruiting Depôts, or other places of the United Kingdom, as to your judgments may seem best, and in the manner which you may deem most expedient, and 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 of the premises, and to enquire of the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do further, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority, where the same shall appear to be requisite, to administer an oath or oaths to any person or persons whomsoever, to be examined before you, or any three or more of you, touching or concerning the premises.

And We do further, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power and authority, to cause all persons to bring and produce before you, or any three or more of you, all and singular records, books, papers, and other writings, touching the premises, which shall be in the custody of any of them.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you, or any three or more of you, upon due enquiry into the premises, do certify to us from time to time, under your hands and seals, your several proceedings as the same shall be completed, and do within the space of one year after the date of these presents, or sooner, if the same can reasonably be, certify to us in like manner the whole of your proceedings, under and by virtue of these presents, together with what you shall find, touching or concerning the premises, upon such enquiry as aforesaid, accompanied by such suggestions for the amendment of the system at present in existence, for Recruiting Our Army, and the means by which recruits may be more easily raised, and desertion prevented, as you may have to offer.

And We further will and command, and by these presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein mentioned, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do hereby command, all and singular, the Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, Officers, Ministers, and all other Our loving subjects whomsoever, as well within liberties as without, to be assistant to you, and each of you, in the execution of these presents.

And for your assistance in the due execution of this Our Commission, We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved John Milton, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission, and to attend you, whose services and assistance, as well as the services and assistance of such clerks and other persons as may appear to you to be necessary, We require you to use from time to time, as occasion shall require.

Given at Our Court at Osborne, this twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, in the twenty-second year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
(Signed) J. PEEL.