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Whitehall, October 16, 1880.

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

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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 trusty and well-beloved Charles Morgan Norwood, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Stokes, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Colonel in Our Corps of Royal Engineers; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Edward James Reed, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Cadogan Rothery, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Gray, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved James Porter Corry, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Capper, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved John Glover, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Dyson Hornby, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved William Pearce, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Bland Royden, Esq.; and Our trusty and well-beloved Barnard Waymouth, Esq., Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the present operation of the law for the Measurement of Tonnage, and to report to Us whether the principle of the present law is fully and properly carried into effect, and whether the terms of the present rules are suitable to the present state of ship-building, and to report whether the law is fair in its operation as between those who pay and those who receive dues on shipping, and as between the different classes of those who pay such dues; and to report whether, having regard to the great changes which have taken place in the character of merchant ships, there are any defects in the form, the build, or the user of such ships which can be traced to the present law of tonnage, or which any amendment of that law would remedy; and to report whether, having regard to just principles of taxation, to the convenience and furtherance of trade, to international arrangements, and above all to safety, it is desirable to make any and what alteration in such law:

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 Charles Morgan Norwood, Sir John Stokes, Sir Edward James Reed, Henry Cadogan Rothery, Thomas Gray, James Corry, Robert

Capper, John Glover, Thomas Dyson Hornby, William Pearce, Thomas Bland Royden, and Barnard Waymouth to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said Inquiry:

And for the purpose of enabling you Our Commissioners, to make the said inquiries, We do hereby authorize you and empower you, or any three or more of you, to invite all such persons as you may judge most competent by reason of their situation, knowledge, or experience to afford you correct information on the subject of this inquiry, to attend before you and bring with them all such books, documents, papers, accounts, &c., as may appear to you, or any three or more of you, calculated to assist you in the execution of the trust hereby reposed in you:

And We will and command that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, the 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 for your assistance in the execution of these presents, We do hereby authorize and empower you to appoint a Secretary to this Our Commission to attend you, whose services and assistance We require you to use from time to time as occasion may require.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the eleventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, in the forty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
W. V. Harcourt,

Whitehall, October 11, 1880.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant unto Charles Henry Williams, of Pilton House, in the parish of Barnstaple, in the county of Devon, Esq., and to Harriet Mary, his wife, elder of the two daughters of Arthur Davie-Bassett, of Umberleigh, in the parish of Atherington, and Watermouth Castle, in the parish of Berryarbor, both in the county of Devon, and sister and coheir of Arthur Crawford Davie-Bassett, of Umberleigh and Watermouth Castle aforesaid, Clerk in Holy Orders, all deceased, Her Royal licence and authority that they may take and henceforth use the surname of Bassett only, instead of that of Williams, and that he, the said Charles Henry Williams, may bear the arms of Bassett, and that such surname and arms may in like manner be