

the parishes of Denver, Ryston, West Dereham, Eastmore, Barton Bendish, Beachamwell, Werekham, Boughton, Stoke Ferry, Wretton, Roxham, Fordham, Hilgay, and Southery,—which were declared by Orders of Council to be areas infected with foot-and-mouth disease, are hereby declared to be free from foot-and-mouth disease, and those areas shall, as from the commencement of this Order, cease to be areas infected with foot-and-mouth disease.

3.—(1.) The hundred of Freebridge Lynn, in the Western Division of the county of Norfolk; (2.) the hundred of Smithdon, in the Western Division of the county of Norfolk; and (3.) the parishes of Feltwell St. Mary, and Feltwell St. Nicholas, including Feltwell Fen, in the Western Division of the county of Norfolk; shall continue to be and are hereby declared to be areas infected with foot-and-mouth disease. *C. L. Peel.*

Whitehall, November 15, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased to grant the place of Lord Ordinary in Exchequer Causes in Scotland to Patrick Fraser, Esq. (Lord Fraser), one of the Lords of Session in Scotland, in the room of John Marshall, Esq. (Lord Curriehill), deceased.

Whitehall, November 17, 1881.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Richard Bickerton Pemell, Baron Lyons, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the French Republic, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Lyons, of Christ Church, in the county of Southampton.

Whitehall, November 17, 1881.

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 Frederic Baron Blachford, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir James Paget, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Rutherford Alcock, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Our trusty and well-beloved Arthur Wellesley Peel, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved Edward Leigh Pemberton, Esq.; Our trusty and well-beloved John Burdon Sanderson, Esq., Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Medicine; Our trusty and well-beloved Alfred Carpenter, Esq., Doctor of Medicine; Our trusty and well-beloved William Henry Broadbent, Esq., Doctor of Medicine; and Our trusty and well-beloved Jonathan Hutchinson, Esq., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire respecting:—

1. The nature, extent, and sufficiency of the hospital accommodation for small-pox and fever patients provided by the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum Board, and the several Vestries and District Boards in the Metropolis, including the Commissioners of Sewers for the city of London.

2. The relative advantages and disadvantages to patients and the public of providing for small-pox and fever cases, whether amongst persons of the pauper class, or persons of the non-pauper class without proper means of isolation, or both, by a limited number of hospitals for the whole Metropolis under one authority, such as the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, or by parochial and district hospitals, under vestries and district boards.

3. The expediency of continuing the several existing small-pox and fever hospitals now under the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District; or, if it be considered desirable that any should be closed, the accommodation for small-pox and fever cases which should be substituted.

4. The expediency of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District establishing additional hospitals and of making special provision for convalescent cases.

5. The conditions and limitations under which the hospitals provided by the Managers should be continued, and the general conditions and limitations which should be observed in the case of the establishment of new hospitals, whether by the Managers or any other authority, so as to insure as far as practicable, the recovery of the patients and the protection of the public against contagion.

6. The operation of the Acts relating to the establishment of hospitals for small-pox and fever patients in the Metropolis, and the provisions, if any, required for the acquisition of sites for such hospitals, whether by agreement or otherwise; and for the protection of the authorities providing small-pox and fever hospitals, subject to the same being conducted with reasonable care, and according to prescribed regulations, from liability to legal proceedings, so as to secure the public against the loss of the benefits arising from such institutions; and to make such suggestions as you may deem expedient in connection with all or any of the matters aforesaid.

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, ability, and discretion, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do, by these presents, nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said Frederic, Baron Blachford, Sir James Paget, Sir Rutherford Alcock, Arthur Wellesley Peel, Edward Leigh Pemberton, John Burdon Sanderson, Alfred Carpenter, William Henry Broadbent, and Jonathan Hutchinson, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiries.

And for the better enabling you, Our said Commissioners, to make the said inquiries, We do, by these presents, authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to call before you, or any three 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 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 lawful ways and means whatsoever.