

It is particularly requested, that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to His Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.
KENMARE,
Lord Chamberlain.

Whitehall, March 3, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Viscount of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unto the Right Honourable Sir Henry Bouverie William Brand, G.C.B., late Speaker of the House of Commons, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Hampden, of Glynde, in the county of Sussex.

Whitehall, March 3, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Francis William Rowsell, Esq., C.B., C.M.G., Her Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Second Class of the Order of the Osmanieh, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorised by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed by His Highness, beyond Her Majesty's dominions.

Whitehall, March 3, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Abdelganie Hyder Abdel Malek, Esq., Her Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Osmanieh, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorised by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his eminent services during the late operations in Egypt.

Whitehall, March 4, 1884.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal, appointing the Reverend George Ridding, D.D., to the newly-founded Bishopric of Southwell, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 41 and 42 Victoria, cap. 68, intituled "An Act to provide for the foundation of four new Bishoprics in England," and of the Order in Council made in pursuance thereof, on the 2nd day of February, 1884.

Whitehall, March 4, 1884.

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

VICTORIA, R.

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 Charles Wentworth Dilke, Baronet, President of the Local Government Board, Chairman; Our Most Dear Son Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Field Marshal in Our Army; Our trusty and well beloved the Most Reverend Cardinal Archbishop, Henry Edward Manning, Doctor in Divinity; Our right trusty and entirely beloved Cousin and Councillor Robert Arthur Talbot, Marquess of Salisbury, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter; Our right trusty and

right well beloved Cousin Adelbert Wellington Brownlow, Earl Brownlow; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, Captain of Our Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor George Joachim Göschen; Our right trusty and well beloved Councillor Sir Richard Assheton Cross, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; the Right Reverend Father in God William Walsham, Bishop Suffragan of Bedford; Our trusty and well beloved Edward Lyulph Stanley, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Edward Lyulph Stanley; Our trusty and well beloved William Torrens McCullagh Torrens, Esquire, Bachelor of Laws; Our trusty and well beloved Henry Broadhurst, Esquire; Our trusty and well beloved Jesse Collings, Esquire; Our trusty and well beloved George Godwin, Esquire, Fellow of the Royal Society; and Our trusty and well beloved Samuel Morley, Esquire; greeting:

Whereas an humble address has been presented unto Us by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, praying that We would be graciously pleased to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the Housing of the Working Classes:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, Chairman, together with you, the said Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Henry Edward Manning, Cardinal Archbishop, Robert Arthur Talbot, Marquess of Salisbury, Adelbert Wellington Brownlow, Earl Brownlow, Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, George Joachim Göschen, Sir Richard Assheton Cross, William Walsham, Bishop Suffragan of Bedford, Edward Lyulph Stanley, William Torrens McCullagh Torrens, Henry Broadhurst, Jesse Collings, George Godwin and Samuel Morley, to be Our Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do hereby authorize and empower you, or any five or more of you, to call before you or any five or more of you, 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 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 require 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 five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places in Our United Kingdom as you may deem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purpose 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 five 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 Our further will and pleasure is that you, or any five or more of you, may have liberty to report to Us your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do;

And We further ordain, that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your