

And whereas We have deemed it expedient that a new Commission should issue for the purpose specified in such Warrant of the fifteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six:

Further know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability and discretion, have appointed, and do by these presents nominate, constitute, and appoint you, the said Sir Richard Assheton Cross; Henry Edward Manning, Cardinal Archbishop; Dudley Francis Stuart, Earl of Harrowby; Frederick, Earl Beauchamp; Frederick, Bishop of London; Charles Bowyer, Baron Norton; Sir Francis Richard Sandford; Edward Lyulph Stanley, commonly called the Honourable Edward Lyulph Stanley; Sir John Lubbock; Sir Bernhard Samuelson; James Harrison Rigg; Robert William Dale; Robert Gregory; Benjamin Frederick Smith; Thomas Daniel Cox Morse; Charles Henry Alderson; John Gilbert Talbot; Sydney Charles Buxton; Thomas Edmund Heller; Bernard Charles Molloy; Samuel Rathbone; Henry Richard; and George Shipton, to be Our Commissioners to inquire into the working of the Elementary Education Acts, England and Wales.

And, for the better effecting the purpose of this Our Commission, We do by these presents give and grant unto you, or any six 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 six 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 six 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 do further ordain that you, or any six or more of you, 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 do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any six or more of you, your opinion upon the matter herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the tenth day of *March*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in the forty-ninth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's command.
Hugh C. E. Childers.

Whitehall, March 11, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Captain and Brevet Major Josceline Henegge Wodehouse, Royal Artillery, and Captain and Brevet Major Archibald Hunter, Royal Lancaster Regiment, Her Royal licence and permission that they may accept and wear the Insignia of the Order of the Medjidieh of the Third Class, which

His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon them in recognition of their services whilst actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's dominions in the Egyptian Army.

Whitehall, March 11, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Lieutenant Hugh Huleatt, R.E., Lieutenant John Hassard Stewart Gibb, the Worcestershire Regiment, Lieutenant Frederick Ronalds, North Lancashire Regiment, and Lieutenant Walter Hervey Besant, the Norfolk Regiment, Her Royal licence and permission that they may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Osmanieh, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon them in recognition of their services whilst actually and entirely employed beyond Her Majesty's dominions in the Egyptian Army.

Whitehall, March 11, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto Frederick Mollison Burke, Esq., Her Royal licence and permission that he may accept and wear the Insignia of a Knight of the Order of Christ, which His Majesty the King of Portugal and the Algarves has been pleased to confer upon him, in recognition of his services whilst actually and entirely employed in the service of His Majesty, beyond Her Majesty's dominions.

Whitehall, March 11, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Charles Thomas Dyke Acland, Esq., to be Second Church Estates Commissioner, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Henry John Selwin-Ibbetson, Bart., resigned.

(H 1702.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, March 9, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague, reporting that the Order of the Netherlands Government declaring the ports of Sicily infected with cholera has been cancelled.

(H. 1731.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, March 12, 1886.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Lisbon, enclosing the following quarantine notices issued by the Portuguese Government, viz. :—

Notice No. 305.

In view of official information received, and the opinion of the Consultative Board of Public Health having been taken, all the French ports in Europe, whether on the Atlantic or the Mediterranean, are hereby declared free from cholera morbus, with the exception of the ports of the Department of Finisterre, which continue "infected" with the said disease; and it is further declared, that the ports comprised between that Department and Havre and Bordeaux, both exclusive, remain still suspected of the disease.

Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, March 2, 1886.

(Signed) ARTHUR FEYERHEIM,
Director-General.