

well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebery; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Henry Howard Molyneux, Earl of Carnarvon, President of the Society of Antiquaries of London; Our trusty and well-beloved Edmond George Petty-Fitz-Maurice Esq. (commonly called Lord Edmond George Petty-Fitz-Maurice); the Right Reverend Father in God William, Bishop of Chester; the Right Reverend Father in God Charles, Bishop of Limerick, Ardfert, and Aghadoe; Our right trusty and well-beloved John Emerich Edward, Baron Acton; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Chichester Samuel, Baron Carlingford, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir George Webbe Dasent, Knight, Doctor of Civil Law; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Hardy, Knight, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London; and Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Churchill Maxwell Lyte, Esq., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, Deputy Keeper of the Records; greeting!

Whereas We did, by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and by subsequent Warrants authorize and appoint certain noblemen and gentlemen therein respectively named, or any three or more of them, to be Our Commissioners to make inquiry into the places in which documents illustrative of history or of general public interest belonging to private persons are deposited, and to consider whether, with the consent of the owners, means might not be taken to render such documents available for public reference, as by the tenor of the first recited Warrant under Our Sign Manual, dated the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, does more fully and at large appear:

Now know ye that We have revoked and determined, and do by these presents revoke and determine, the said several Warrants, and every matter and thing therein contained.

And whereas we have deemed it expedient that a new Commission should issue for the purposes specified in such Warrant dated the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine:

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 William Baliol, Baron Esher; Schomberg Henry, Marquess of Lothian; Robert Arthur Talbot, Marquess of Salisbury; John Alexander, Marquess of Bath; Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebery; Henry Howard Molyneux, Earl of Carnarvon; Edmond George Petty-Fitz-Maurice; William, Bishop of Chester; Charles, Bishop of Limerick, Ardfert, and Aghadoe; John Emerich Edward, Baron Acton; Chichester Samuel, Baron Carlingford; Sir George Webbe Dasent; Sir William Hardy; and Henry Churchill Maxwell Lyte to be Our Commissioners to make inquiry as to the places in which such papers and manuscripts are deposited, and for any of the purposes set forth in the original Warrant under Our Sign Manual, dated the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

And for the purpose of carrying out the said inquiry We do hereby authorize you to call in the aid and co-operation of all possessors of manuscripts and papers, inviting them to assist you in furthering the object of this Commission, and to give them full assurance that no information is

sought except such as relates to public affairs, and that no knowledge or information which may be obtained from their collections shall be promulgated without their full license and consent:

And We do further by these presents authorize you, with the consent of the owners of such manuscripts, to make abstracts and catalogues of such manuscripts.

And We do hereby direct that you, or any three or more of you, shall form a quorum, and that you, or any three or more of you, shall have power to invite the possessors of such papers and records as you may deem it desirable to inspect, to produce them before you.

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, do report to Us from time to time in writing under your hands and seals, all and every your proceedings under and by virtue of these presents.

And for the better enabling you to execute these presents, We do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Our trusty and well-beloved John Romilly, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the twenty-fourth 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 29, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto General Sir Frederick Charles Arthur Stephenson, G.C.B., Her Royal licence and permission that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Medjidieh, which His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, has been pleased to confer upon him as a promotion in that Order, and in recognition of his services before the enemy.

Whitehall, March 29, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Colonel Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., R.E., to be Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmund Yeamans Walcott Henderson, K.C.B., resigned.

Westminster, March 29, 1886.

THIS day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1886.

Marriages Validity Act, 1886.

Glebe Loan (Ireland) Acts Amendment Act, 1886.

Drill Grounds Act, 1886.