

Jonathan Hutchinson, Esquire, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons ;

James Allanson Picton, Esquire ;

Samuel Whitbread, Esquire ; and

Frederick Meadows White, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law ; Greeting !

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire and report as to

(1.) The effect of vaccination in reducing the prevalence of, and mortality from, small-pox.

(2.) What means, other than vaccination, can be used for diminishing the prevalence of small-pox ; and how far such means could be relied on in place of vaccination.

(3.) The objections made to vaccination on the ground of injurious effects alleged to result therefrom ; and the nature and extent of any injurious effects which do, in fact, so result.

(4.) Whether any, and if so, what means should be adopted for preventing or lessening the ill effects, if any, resulting from vaccination ; and whether, and if so, by what means, vaccination with animal vaccine should be further facilitated as a part of public vaccination.

(5.) Whether any alterations should be made in the arrangements and proceedings for securing the performance of vaccination, and, in particular, in the provisions of the Vaccination Acts with respect to prosecutions for non-compliance with the law :

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these presents authorize and appoint, you, the said Farrer, Baron Herschell ; Sir James Paget ; Sir Charles Dalrymple ; Sir William Guyer Hunter ; Sir Edwin Henry Galsworthy ; William Scovell Savory ; Charles Bradlaugh ; John Syer Bristowe ; William Job Collins ; John Stratford Dugdale ; Michael Foster ; Jonathan Hutchinson ; James Allanson Picton ; Samuel Whitbread ; and Frederick Meadows White ; to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any five 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 five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem expedient for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes 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 We do further ordain that you, or any five 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 five or more of you, your opinion

upon the several matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the twenty-ninth day of *May*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, in the fifty-second year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
*Henry Matthews.*

(H. 4287.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, May 29, 1889.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch, dated 10th instant, from Her Majesty's Representative at Washington, enclosing copies of quarantine regulations for the ports of Charleston and Mobile, which can be seen at this office, as they are too voluminous to publish.

*Admiralty, 30th May, 1889.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 1st April, 1881—Fleet Surgeon Charles Strickland has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 10th May, 1889.

*War Office, Pall Mall,*

*31st May, 1889.*

*Royal Artillery*, Captain the Honourable Frederick Ernest Allsopp retires receiving a gratuity, with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 1st June, 1889. Major Henry Haughton Hardinge to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice F. C. Nicolas, deceased. Dated 10th May, 1889.

Major Sydney Gerard Frederick Selfe, from Supernumerary to the establishment; to be Major, vice H. H. Hardinge. Dated 10th May, 1889.

The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains:—Arthur John Mullins, vice G. B. Smith, seconded for service with the Punjaub Frontier Force. Dated 8th May, 1889.

Alfred Gerard Napier, vice A. H. C. Birch, seconded for service with the Punjaub Frontier Force. Dated 10th May, 1889.

Robert Morris, vice H. B. Brownlow, seconded for service with the Punjaub Frontier Force. Dated 14th May, 1889.

Lieutenant Arthur Wigram Money has been seconded for service with the Punjaub Frontier Force. Dated 10th May, 1889.

Riding-Master James Thorne has been granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant. Dated 15th May, 1889.

*Coast Brigade*, Captain Thomas Duncan Richey to be Major, vice M. Tracy, retired. Dated 15th May, 1889.

Lieutenant Edward Aldridge to be Captain, vice T. D. Richey. Dated 19th May, 1889.

*Royal Engineers*, Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel George Herbert Bolland, upon completion of five years' service as Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, has been placed upon half-pay. Dated 21st May, 1889.

Major Richard Tudor Frere to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel G. H. Bolland. Dated 21st May, 1889.

The undermentioned Officers to be Majors:—James Montague Taylor Badgley, vice A. R. Puzey, deceased. Dated 7th May, 1889.