

(b) As to the desirability of establishing some authority or tribunal to which all schemes of Railway or Tramway construction of a local character should be referred, and the powers which it would be advisable to confer on such a body.

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 Sir David Miller Barbour; Frederick Archibald Vaghan, Earl Cawdor; Charles George, Viscount Cobham; Thomas, Baron Ribblesdale; Sir Joseph Cockfield Dimsdale; Sir John Poynder Dickson-Poynder; Sir Robert Threshie Reid; Sir John Wolfe Wolfe-Barry; Sir Francis John Stephens Hopwood; Sir George Christopher Trout Bartley; Charles Stewart Murdoch; Felix Otto Schuster; and George Stegmann Gibb, 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 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 it expedient so to inspect 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 matters herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Lynden Livingston Macassey, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the ninth day of *February*, one thousand nine hundred and three, in the third year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
A. Akers-Douglas.

Whitehall, February 6, 1903.

The Secretary of State has appointed W. B. Dow, Esq., M.D. St. And., F.R.C.S. Edin., of Dunfermline, to be a Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, for the Sheriffdom of Fife and Kinross, to act for the district of Dunfermline with Kinross.

FILE-CUTTING REGULATIONS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department, in pursuance of Section 81 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, has appointed Mr. Chester Jones, Barrister-at-Law, of 1, Paper-buildings, Temple, to hold a Public Inquiry with regard to the draft Regulations for the process of File-cutting, published in pursuance of Section 80 of that Act. The inquiry, which is a public one, will be opened at the Town Hall of Sheffield, on Tuesday 10th March, at 11 A.M., and any person who has objected to the draft Regulations, and any other person who, in the opinion of the person holding the inquiry, is affected by the draft Regulations, may appear either in person or by Counsel, Solicitor, or Agent.

Home Office, Whitehall,
9th February, 1903.

Factory Department, Home Office,
February 3, 1903.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. C. L. Fraser to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory Act, for the Berwick-on-Tweed District.

Factory Department, Home Office,
February 4, 1903.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. H. J. Lloyd, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Barmouth, in the county of Merioneth, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office,
February 9, 1903.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. R. P. Goodworth, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Winterton, in the county of Lincoln, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office,
February 10, 1903.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the retirement of Dr. G. E. Jeaffreson, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Framlingham, in the county of Suffolk, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office,
February 10, 1903.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. S. Floyd, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Llandrindod Wells, in the county of Radnor, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office,
February 10, 1903.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. H. W. Collins, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Wrington, in the county of Somerset, is vacant.