

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Horace Curzon Plunkett, Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Charles Napier Lawrence, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Charles Napier Lawrence);

Sir Charles William Fremantle, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath (commonly called the Honourable Sir Charles William Fremantle);

Sir George Hayter Chubb, Baronet;

Sir Edward John Poynter, Baronet, President of the Royal Academy;

Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Sir Edward Maunde Thompson, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Director and Principal Librarian of the British Museum;

Sir William Henry Preece, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Sir William Turner Thiselton Dyer, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire;

Sir Herbert Jekyll, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Colonel on the Retired List of Our Army, one of the Assistant Secretaries to the Board of Trade;

Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, Knight, Royal Academician;

Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Knight, Companion of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum (Art Museum), South Kensington;

Sir George Thomas Livesey, Knight;

Henry Hardinge Samuel Cunyngame, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; one of the Assistant Under Secretaries of State to Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department;

Edwin Austin Abbey, Esquire, Royal Academician;

Charles Vernon Boys, Esquire, Fellow of the Royal Society;

Thomas Brock, Esquire, Royal Academician;

George Donaldson, Esquire;

Clement Le Neve Foster, Esquire, Doctor of Science, Fellow of the Royal Society, Professor of Mining at the Royal School of Mines, London;

John Clarke Hawkshaw, Esquire, Master of Arts, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers;

Thomas Graham Jackson, Esquire, Royal Academician;

William Henry Maw, Esquire, President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers;

Francis Grant Ogilvie, Esquire, Director of the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art;

William Quiller Orchardson, Esquire, Royal Academician;

Boverton Redwood, Esquire, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh;

Alfred Gordon Salamon, Esquire;

Joseph Wilson Swan, Esquire, Master of Arts, Fellow of the Royal Society;

Jethro Justinian Harris Teall, Esquire, Master of Arts, Fellow of the Royal Society; and

Francis William Webb, Esquire. Greeting!

Whereas it has been notified to Us, through Our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the late President of the United States of America, pursuant to an Act of Congress, made Proclamation that an International Exhibition of Arts, Industries, Manufactures, and the Products of the Soil, Mine, Forest, and Sea, would be

held in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, during the present year, which Exhibition, it has now been decided, will be opened during the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

And whereas it is Our wish that Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Our Dominions beyond the Seas shall be represented at the said Exhibition, and that Our subjects shall take part therein:

Now know ye, that We, considering the premises, and earnestly desiring to promote the success of the said Exhibition, and reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, have authorized and appointed, and by these Presents do authorize and appoint, you, Our said Most Dear Son George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, together with you, Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Peel; Victor Albert George, Earl of Jersey; Richard George Penn, Earl Howe; Bernard Edward Barnaby, Baron Castletown; George Arbutnot, Baron Inverclyde; Richard Everard, Baron Alverstone; John, Baron Avebury; Horace Curzon Plunkett; Charles Napier Lawrence; Sir Charles William Fremantle; Sir George Hayter Chubb; Sir Edward John Poynter; Sir Charles Rivers Wilson; Sir Edward Maunde Thompson; Sir William Henry Preece; Sir William Turner Thiselton Dyer; Sir Herbert Jekyll; Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema; Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke; Sir George Thomas Livesey; Henry Hardinge Samuel Cunyngame; Edwin Austin Abbey; Charles Vernon Boys; Thomas Brock; George Donaldson; Clement Le Neve Foster; John Clarke Hawkshaw; Thomas Graham Jackson; William Henry Maw; Francis Grant Ogilvie; William Quiller Orchardson; Boverton Redwood; Alfred Gordon Salamon; Joseph Wilson Swan; Jethro Justinian Harris Teall; and Francis William Webb, to be Our Commissioners to obtain and distribute full information as to the best mode by which Our said United Kingdom and Our Dominions beyond the Seas may be duly represented; to assist with your advice and co-operation; and generally to promote the success of the said Exhibition.

And Our will and pleasure is that you, or any three or more of you, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing under your hands and seals respectively, all and every the several proceedings of yourselves had by virtue of these Presents.

And We do by these Presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue until the various proceedings in connection with the said Exhibition shall have been properly concluded and brought to an end; and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time, and at any place or places, 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 for the purpose of aiding you in such matters We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Moore Watson, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Colonel on the Retired List of Our Army, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

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

By His Majesty's Command,

*A. Akers-Douglas.*