

Lancelot Ridley Phelps, Clerk, Master of Arts;

William Smart;

Henry Russell Wakefield, Clerk;

Helen, wife of Bernard Bosanquet, Professor of Moral Philosophy at St. Andrews University;

Beatrice, wife of Sidney Webb, Bachelor of Laws; and

Octavia Hill, Spinster. Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to enquire:—

(1) Into the working of the laws relating to the relief of poor persons in the United Kingdom;

(2) Into the various means which have been adopted outside of the Poor Laws for meeting distress arising from want of employment, particularly during periods of severe industrial depression;

and to consider and report whether any, and, if so, what, modification of the Poor Laws or changes in their administration or fresh legislation for dealing with distress are advisable:

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 George Francis Hamilton (commonly called Lord George Francis Hamilton) (Chairman), Charles Owen O'Connor (commonly called the O'Connor Don), Sir Henry Augustus Robinson, Charles Booth, Sir Samuel Butler Provis, Frank Holesworth Bentham, Arthur Henry Downes, Thory Gage Gardiner, George Lansbury, Charles Stewart Loch, James Patten Macdougall, Thomas Hancock Nunn, Lancelot Ridley Phelps, William Smart, Henry Russell Wakefield, Helen Bosanquet, Beatrice Webb, and Octavia Hill, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said enquiry.

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; to call for information in writing; 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 enquire 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 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.

Given at Our Court at *Sandringham*, the fourth day of *December*, one thousand nine hundred and five, in the fifth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

A. Akers-Douglas.

*The Prince of Wales's Council Chamber,
Buckingham Gate, December 1, 1905.*

The names of the Gentlemen who have been nominated to serve the Office of Sheriff of the County of Cornwall:—

Sir Walter John Trevelyan, Baronet, of Trevarthian House, Marazion.

Carew Davies Gilbert, of Trelissick, Truro, Esquire.

Francis Buller Howell, of Ethy, Lostwithiel, Esquire.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

Chancery of the Order,

St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London,

December 2, 1905.

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotion and appointment to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

Knights of Grace.

Alfred Ernest Ferns, Esq. (from Esquire).

The Most Honourable John Adrian Louis, Marquis of Linlithgow, K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.

India Office,

23rd November, 1905.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Major-General Charles Henry Scott, C.B., R.A., to be an Ordinary Member of the Council of the Governor-General of India, in succession to Major-General Sir Edmond Roche Elles, K.C.B., K.C.I.E., R.A.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,

December 4, 1905.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 2nd instant, to direct a Commission to be passed under the Seal appointed to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating and appointing William Bilsland,