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*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, June 5, 1906.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the presentation by His Majesty of Medals for the Thibetan Expedition to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Knight Commander:

Major-General Geoffrey Barton, C.B., C.M.G.,
Colonel, Royal Fusiliers (received the honour of Knighthood).

To be Members of the Fourth Class.

Colonel Edward Joshua Cooper, C.B., D.S.O.,
late Commanding 1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.
Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley Bird, Commanding
1st Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

Whitehall, June 7, 1906.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

EDWARD, R. & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to

Our right trusty and well-beloved Robert, Baron Monkswell; and

Our trusty and well-beloved—

Sir Lindsay Wood, Baronet;

Henry Hardinge Samuel Cunynghame, 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;

William Abraham, Esquire;

Frederick Lewis Davis, Esquire, Chairman of the South Wales Conciliation Board;

Enoch Edwards, Esquire;

Thomas Ratcliffe Ellis, Esquire, Secretary of the Mining Association of Great Britain;

John Scott Haldane, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Fellow of the Royal Society; and

Robert Smillie, Esquire, President of the Lanarkshire Miners' Union; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into and report on certain questions relating to the health and safety of miners, and the administration of the Mines Acts, namely:—

Whether it is desirable to make compulsory the watering of the roads in dry and dusty mines.

Whether it is desirable to prescribe the forms of safety lamp which may be used in mines, or to prohibit any of those now in use.

What steps could be taken for the better prevention of accidents, particularly those from the use and firing of explosives, from falls of roof and side, from underground haulage, and from winding; whether any special provision should be made to facilitate the work of rescue in the event of an accident; and whether any improvement can be made in the present system of investigation and inquiry into accidents.

Whether any steps should be taken to lay down a standard of ventilation in mines.

What steps should be taken to guard against the disease known as Ankylostomiasis.

Whether the present system of special rules is adequate, and whether the method of establishing such rules could not be made simpler and more effective.

Whether any and if so what, steps should be