

taken to improve the administration of the Mines Acts and the discipline in Mines.

Whether any change is desirable in the present system of examination for Managers' and Under Managers' Certificates of Competency, whether the Managers of Metalliferous Mines should be compelled to hold such certificates, and whether certificates granted by Colonial Governments should not be accepted in this country :

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 Robert, Baron Monkswell (Chairman); Sir Lindsay Wood; Henry Hardinge Samuel Cunynghame; William Abraham; Frederick Lewis Davis; Enoch Edwards; Thomas Ratcliffe Ellis; John Scott Haldane; and Robert Smillie, 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 three 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 three 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 three 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 three 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 three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and six, in the sixth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

H. J. Gladstone.

Crown Office,
June 7, 1906.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

County of Carnarvon, Southern or Eifion Division.
Ellis William Davies, Esq., in the place of John Bryn Roberts, Esq., appointed a Judge of County Courts.

Treasury Chambers,
June 7, 1906.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., to be Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead.

Treasury Chambers,
June 8, 1906.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury give notice, under section 8 of the Sinking Fund Act, 1875 (38 and 39 Vict., c. 45), that a further sum of £500,000 on account of the Old Sinking Fund for 1905-6 will be issued in the current quarter to the National Debt Commissioners.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,
June 5, 1906.

A Loyal and Dutiful Address from the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland having been forwarded to the Secretary for Scotland for presentation to the King has been presented accordingly to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

Foreign Office,
June 5, 1906.

It is hereby notified, that on the 1st inst. Monsieur de Bille presented, through the Right Honourable Sir Edward Grey, Bart., M.P., His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, his Credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty King Frederick VIII of Denmark.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
London, June 7, 1906.

H. 7562.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated June 3, from His Majesty's Representative at Rome:—
"Sanitary precautions imposed on arrivals from Jeddah."

Admiralty, 5th June, 1906.

Paymaster Herbert Arthur David John Gyles has this day been promoted to the rank of Staff Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet.