

"I shall be pleased to convey to the Queen your good wishes in Her behalf."

This further Address was presented to The King on His Majesty's arrival at the Show :—
To His Most Excellent Majesty King Edward VII.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the President, Vice-President, Chairman, Council, and Members of the Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society, humbly tender to Your Majesty the expression of our deep loyalty and devotion on the occasion of Your visit to the Meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, held in this ancient and loyal town of Derby.

The great interest and warm sympathy Your Majesty has always given to agriculture has done much to stimulate good farming and to encourage the raising of stock of the highest quality, and we pray that it may please Almighty God to spare Your Majesty long to reign over us, and continue to animate us all by the noble example of Your own life.

We are, Your Majesty's most dutiful subjects.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer :—

"I heartily thank you for the address which you have handed Me on behalf of the Derbyshire Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and for the good wishes which you have expressed.

"I commenced very early in life to take a warm interest in all matters connected with agriculture, and I have long appreciated the difficulties with which farmers are forced to contend in order to carry on their industry. The cultivation of the land is a factor of the highest importance in the prosperity of the country, and much credit is due to agricultural societies for their strenuous efforts to promote the welfare of the cause they have at heart by encouraging new processes of cultivation and disseminating information of utility to farmers.

"I have watched with pleasure during many years the improvements which have been introduced in the methods of raising stock. The application of scientific principles to the breeding of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and poultry has produced wonderful results, and the extent of the exportation of the best class of animals to foreign countries shows the high appreciation in which our breeds are held. I cannot peruse without a feeling of pride the sale lists in which I see so many names of purchasers coming to this country from all parts of the world, and I feel confident that the perseverance and skill of our breeders will enable us to produce as good stock in the future as in the past.

"I anticipate great pleasure from My visit to your Show, and I trust it will be thoroughly successful."

Whitehall, July 9, 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 trusty and well-beloved—

Ivor Churchill Guest, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Ivor Churchill Guest);

Sir William Hovell Browne folkes, Baronet;

Sir Leonard Lyell, Baronet;

William Matthews, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

William Phipson Beale, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

George Charles Frederick, Esquire, Commander on the Retired List of Our Royal Navy;

Henry Rider Haggard, Esquire;

Thomas John Jehu, Esquire, Professor of Geology in Our University of Saint Andrews;

Arthur Levy Lever, Esquire;

Robert Beattie Nicholson, Esquire, Town Clerk of Lowestoft;

Patrick O'Brien, Esquire;

Thomas Summerbell, Esquire; and

Arthur Stanley Wilson, Esquire; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire and report—

(a) As to the encroachment of the sea on various parts of the Coast of the United Kingdom, and the damage which has been or is likely to be caused thereby; and what measures are desirable for the prevention of such damage:

(b) Whether any further powers should be conferred upon Local Authorities and owners of property with a view to the adoption of effective and systematic schemes for the protection of the Coast and the banks of tidal rivers:

(c) Whether any alteration of the law is desirable as regards the management and control of the foreshore:

(d) Whether further facilities should be given for the reclamation of tidal lands:

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 Ivor Churchill Guest (Chairman); Sir William Hovell Browne folkes; Sir Leonard Lyell; William Matthews; William Phipson Beale; George Charles Frederick; Henry Rider Haggard; Thomas John Jehu; Arthur Levy Lever; Robert Beattie Nicholson; Patrick O'Brien; Thomas Summerbell; and Arthur Stanley Wilson, 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