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Whitehall, November 30, 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, Emperor of India, to—

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Arthur Cohen, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Victor Albert George, Earl of Jersey. Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George;

Our right trusty and well-beloved James Cleland, Baron Invercive; and

Our trusty and well-beloved-

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

Sir Hugh Bell, Baronet;

Sir William Thomas Lewis, Baronet;

Sir Francis John Stephens Hopwood, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade:

Sir David Miller Barbour, Knight Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (representing India);

Sir Alfred Edmund Bateman, Knight Commauder of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Sir John Macdonell, Knight, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, One of the Masters of the Supreme Court of Judicature;

Robert Henry Muirhead Collins, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (representing Australia);

Henry Birchenough, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (representing Our South African Colonies);

The Honourable William Pember Reeves, High Commissioner in London for Our Colony of New Zealand (representing New Zealand);

John Barry, Esquire;

Edward Carter Kersey Gonner, Esquire, Professor of Economic Science in the University of Liverpool;

Fred Maddison, Esquire;

William Henry Mitchell, Esquire;

Owen Cosby Philipps, Esquire:

Oswald Sanderson, Esquire;

Austin Taylor, Esquire; and

John Torrance, Esquire. Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into the operation of Shipping "Rings" or Conferences generally, and more especially into the system of deferred rebates, and to report whether such operations have caused, or are likely to cause injury to British or Colonial trade, and, if so, what remedial action, if any, should be taken by legislation or otherwise:

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 Arthur Cohen (Chairman); Victor Albert George, Earl of Jersey; James Cleland, Baron