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Whitehall, May 20, 1907.

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 by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and six, We were pleased to appoint you to be Our Commissioners to inquire into and report on certain questions relating to the health and safety of miners, and the administration of the Mines Acts:

And whereas We have deemed it expedient that the scope of the said Commission should be enlarged, and that you Our said Commissioners should also be authorized to inquire and report

what steps could be taken for the better prevention of Accidents in Quarries:

Now know ye that We, being advised that a new Commission should issue for this purpose, have revoked and determined, and do by these Presents revoke and determine, the said Warrant of the sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and six, and every matter and thing therein contained:

And We do by these Presents nominate, constitute 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 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.