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TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1909.

*Whitehall, January 4, 1909.*

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 Richard Frederick Cavendish, Esquire (commonly called Lord Richard Frederick Cavendish);

Our right trusty and well-beloved Counsellor Edmund, Baron Lochee; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Edwin Samuel Montagu, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Edwin Samuel Montagu);

Sir Francis John Stephens Hopwood, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of the Under Secretaries of State to Our Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies;

Sir Charles Norton Edgcumbe Eliot, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

The Honourable William Pember Reeves, lately High Commissioner in London for the Dominion of New Zealand; and

John Walter Hills, Esquire; Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to examine the various schemes which have been adopted or

proposed, in order to secure a fully representative character for popularly elected legislative bodies:

And to consider whether, and how far, they, or any of them, are capable of application in this country in regard to the existing electorate:

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 Richard Frederick Cavendish (Chairman); Edmund, Baron Lochee; Edwin Samuel Montagu; Sir Francis John Stephens Hopwood; Sir Charles Norton Edgcumbe Eliot; William Pember Reeves; and John Walter Hills to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said enquiry:

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