

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 *Saint James's*, the thirty-first day of *December*, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, in the third year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
R. McKenna.

Whitehall, January 3, 1913.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, 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 Most Dear Uncle and Counsellor His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Great Master and Principal Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Field Marshal of Our Forces, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Dominion of Canada; and to

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir Frederick William Stopford (commonly called the Honourable Sir Frederick William Stopford), Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Companion of Our

Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General of Our Forces;

Sir George William Hervey, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Sir Reginald Neville Custance, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Admiral on the retired list of Our Navy;

Reginald Herbert Brade, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Assistant Secretary of the War Office; and

Charles Henry Renn Stansfield, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Director of Greenwich Hospital,

Greeting!

Whereas by an Act passed in a Session of Parliament holden in the third year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, intituled "An Act to reorganise the Administration of the Patriotic Fund," the Patriotic Fund Commission constituted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, dated the seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, was dissolved, and the property, rights, duties, and liabilities thereof, and all property held in trust therefor, were transferred to and vested in the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation established in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act:

And whereas by the said recited Act which came into operation on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and four, it is enacted that after the expiration of three years immediately succeeding the commencement of the Act, the members of the said Corporation to be appointed by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual shall be six in number, and shall hold office for a term of three years:

And whereas by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual bearing date the twenty-ninth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nine, His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh was pleased to appoint you Our said Most Dear Uncle and Counsellor Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, together with the gentlemen therein named to be members of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for the term of three years from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ten:

Now know ye that We do by these Presents under Our Royal Sign Manual, ordain and declare that you Our said Most Dear Uncle and Counsellor Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, together with you the said Sir Frederick William Stopford, Sir George William Hervey, Sir Reginald Neville Custance, Reginald Herbert Brade, and Charles Henry Renn Stansfield, shall be Members of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, to exercise for the term of three years from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, in conjunction with the six members co-opted by the General Council, and the ex-officio members specified in the First Schedule to the said Act, the powers and duties transferred to that body as afore-