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TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1925.

Whitehall, September 8, 1925.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission 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 Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor Sir Herbert Louis Samuel, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; and

Our Trusty and Well-beloved:

Sir Herbert Alexander Lawrence (commonly called the Honourable Sir Herbert Alexander Lawrence), Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, General (retired) of Our Land Forces;

Sir William Henry Beveridge, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; and

Kenneth Lee, Esquire:

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into and report upon the economic position of the Coal Industry and the conditions affecting it and to make any recommendations for the improvement thereof;

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability,

have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you, the said Sir Herbert Louis Samuel (Chairman), Sir Herbert Alexander Lawrence (commonly called the Honourable Sir Herbert Alexander Lawrence), Sir William Henry Beveridge and Kenneth Lee 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; to call for information in writing 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 one 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: