mander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Admiral on the Retired List of Our Royal Navy;

Sir Harry Edwin Haward, Knight;

Archibald Edwards Widdows, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Assistant Under Secretary of State to Our Secretary of State for War;

William Sanger, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath;

Arthur William Smallwood, Esquire, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; and

Elisabeth Harriott Kelly, Spinster, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

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 pursuant to the provisions of the said recited Act and of Section 7 of the War Pensions (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1918, eight of the members of the said Corporation are appointed by Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual, and hold office for a term of three years, being eligible for reappointment:

And whereas, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the said Acts, We did, by Warrants under Our Royal Sign Manual bearing date the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, the nineteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, appoint you Our said Most Dear Uncle and Counsellor Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, together with the persons therein named to be members of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation until the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven;

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 Frederic Edward Eirington Brock, Sir Harry Edwin Haward, Archibald Edwards Widdows, William Sanger, Arthur William Smallwood and Elisabeth Harriott Kelly, 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 twenty-eight, in conjunction with the six members co-opted by the General Council, and the ex-officio

members specified in the First Schedule to the Act first above recited, the powers and duties transferred to that body as aforesaid, and generally to carry into effect the provisions of the said Act.

And We do further ordain that you Our said Most Dear Uncle and Counsellor Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, shall be President of the General Council of the said Corporation.

> Given at Our Court at Sandringham, the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven; in the eighteenth year of Our Reign.

> > By His Majesty's Command, W. Joynson-Hicks.

WARRANT APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PATRIOTIC . FUND CORPORATION.

> Lord Chamberlain's Office, Buckingham Palace, S.W. 3rd January, 1928.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Charles Henry Collins Baker, Esquire, to be Surveyor of His Majesty's Pictures, in the room of Sir Lionel Cust, K.C.V.O., resigned.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Cecil Harcourt-Smith, C.V.O., LL.D., lately Adviser for the Royal Art Collections, to be Surveyor of His Majesty's Works of Art, in the room of Sir Lionel Cust, K.C.V.O., resigned.

The above appointments to date from the 2nd January, 1928.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

> St. James's Palace, S.W. 1. 3rd January, 1928.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the Britsh Empire:—

To be a Commander of the Civil Division of the said Most Excellent Order:---

The Reverend Forbes Tocher, M.C., M.A., B.D.

THE GRAND PRIORY IN THE BRITISH REALM OF THE VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

> Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, E.C. 1. 30th December, 1927.

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions in and appointments to the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem:—

As Dame of Justice (from Dame of Grace). Beatrice Holdsworth, Mrs. L. Dent, A.R.R.C.