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Whitehall, September 4, 1934.

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 Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to

Our Trusty and Well beloved Sir John Fischer Williams, Knight, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Our Right Trusty and Well beloved Fiennes Stanley Wykeham, Baron Cornwallis, Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration;

Our Trusty and Well beloved:-

Sir Edward Robert Peacock, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Doctor of Civil Law;

Sir Leonard James Coates, Knight;

Sir John Edward Lloyd, Knight, Master of Arts, Doctor of Letters, Fellow of the British Academy;

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to enquire into and report upon the whole question of tithe rentcharge in England and Wales and its incidence, with special reference to stabilised value, statutory remission, powers of recovery, and method and terms of redemption:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorised and appointed, and do by these Presents authorise and appoint you the said Sir John Fischer Williams (Chairman); Fiennes Stanley Wykeham, Baron Cornwallis; Sir Edward Robert Peacock; Sir Leonard James Coates and Sir John Edward Lloyd 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; 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 enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

And We do by these Presents authorise and empower you, or any of you, to visit and inspect personally 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: