

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 181.

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By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th April, 1898.

## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
26th February, 1898.

SIR,—With reference to my Circular despatch of the 7th September, 1896, respecting the Universal International Exhibition to be held in Paris in 1900, I have the honour to transmit to you, for information in the Colony under your Government, copies of a Royal Commission, dated the 1st instant, appointing Commissioners to advise upon the best mode by which the Products of Industry Agriculture and the Fine Arts of the United Kingdom and the British Colonies and Dependencies may be procured and sent to the Exhibition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*

HONGKONG.

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*Extract from "The London Gazette" of Tuesday, February 8, 1898.*

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*Whitehall, February 7, 1898.*

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, to—

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Whereas it has been notified unto Us, through Our Principal Secretary for State for Foreign Affairs, that the President of the French Republic has decreed that an Universal International Exhibition of the Works of Industry and Agriculture as well as of the Fine Arts shall be held at Paris in the year one thousand nine hundred:

And whereas it is Our wish that such Exhibition shall afford full and suitable representations of the Industry, the Agriculture, and the Fine Arts in Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Our Colonies and Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australasia, and that Our Subjects shall take part in such Exhibition:

Now know ye, that We, considering the premises, and earnestly desiring to promote the success of the said Exhibition, and reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, have authorized and appointed, and by these Presents do authorize and appoint, you Our said Most Dear Son and Councillor His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, President; Our said Most Dearly Beloved Grandson and Councillor His Royal Highness Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of York; together with you the said Spencer Compton, Duke of Devonshire; Alexander William George, Duke of Fife; Henry Charles Keith, Marquess of Lansdowne; Sir John George Edward Henry Douglas Sutherland Campbell, commonly called Marquess of Lorne; Frederick Arthur, Earl of Derby; Victor Albert George, Earl of Jersey; George Henry, Earl Cadogan;

Derrot Robert Wynndham, Earl of Mayo; William H. H. Earl of Dudley; William Waldegrave, Earl of Salborne; Robert O. Hay Ashburton, Earl of Crew; John A. L. Earl of Hopetoun; Claudi John Hamilton; George Francis Hamilton; Donald James, Baron Reay; Nathaniel Mayer, Baron Rothschild; Farrer, Baron Herschell; William, Baron Kelvin; Reginald Earle, Baron Welby; George Nathaniel Curzon; Sir William George Granville Vernon Harcourt; Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke; Charles Thomson Ritchie; Sir Relvers Henry Buller; Sir John Lubbock; William Lawies Jackson; Herbert Henry Asquith; James Bryce; Sir Edmund John Monson; Horace Curzon Plunkett; the Lord Mayor of Our City of London for the time being; the Lord Provost of Our City of Edinburgh for the time being; the Lord Mayor of Our City of Dublin for the time being; Sir Charles William Fremantle; Sir George Russell; Sir Edward Grey; Sir James Kitson; Sir Edward Hamer Carbutt; Sir Frederick Augustus Abel; Sir John Tomlinson Branner; Sir William Agnew; Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert; Sir Henry Ernest Gascoyne Bulwer; Sir Andrew Clarke; Sir Cecil Clementi Smith; Sir Richard Everard Webster; Sir Charles Rivers Wilson; Sir Thomas Sutherland; Sir Courtenay Edmund Boyle; Sir John Fretcheville Dykes Donnelly; Sir George William Kekewich; Sir William Henry White; Sir Edward Maunde Thompson; Sir Edward Charles Buck; Sir John Henry Gibbs Bagnall; Sir Montagu Frederick O. Manney; Sir John Bramston; Sir George Christopher Molesworth Birdwood; Sir Henry Seymour King; Sir James Lyle Mackay; Sir Mancherjee Merwanjee Bhownagree; Sir Arthur Edward Augustus Ellis; Donald Alexander, Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal; Sir Daniel Cooper; Sir Henry Wylie Norman; Sir Malcolm Fraser; Sir David Tennant; Sir Westby Brook Perceval; Sir Walter Pease; Sir George Hayter Chubb; Sir Jacob Wilson; Sir Charles Edward Howard Vincent; Henry Austin Lee; William Henry Preece; William Turner Threlton-Dyer; Arthur James Richens Trendell; Caspar Purdon Clarke; John Lockwood Kipling; Kenelm Edward Digby; Lawrence Gratian Esmonde; Neville Lubbock; Sir James Dromgole Linton; Sir Edward John Poynter; John Poyntz, Earl Spencer; Joseph, Baron Lister; Sir James John Trevor Lawrence; Sir Owen Tudor Burne; Sir Clements Robert Markham; Edward Windsor Richards; the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects for the time being; the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers for the time being; the Governor of the Bank of England for the time being; Henry Hugh Armstead; Hugh Oakeley Arnold-Forster; Sydney Charles Buxton; Douglas Frederick Rawdon Dawson; James Staats Forbes; Thomas Henry Ismay; William Keswick; Wyndham Spencer Portal; Ferdinand James de Rothschild; John Murray Scott; Herman Wilnot Uloth; William Henry Willans; Robert George, Baron Windsor; Sir Henry Stafford Northcote; Sir Albert Kaye Rollit; William Crawford; Theodore Jackson Walsh; Henry Harrison; Henry Sutcliffe; Joseph Holman; Paul Joseph Madden; Thomas Pim; the President of the Dundee Chamber of Commerce for the time being; Paul Rottenburg; Frederick Eastwood; Thomas Walter Harding; Francis Chatillon Danson; William Henry Holland; William Donaldson Truddas; Frederick Carver; Samuel Earnshaw Howell; Samuel Theodore Mander; John George Pilter; and William Davies Stephens to be Our Commissioners to advise Us upon the best mode by which the Products of Industry, Agriculture, and the Fine Arts of the United Kingdom, Our Colonies and Dependencies, may be procured and sent to the said Exhibition:

And Our further Will and Pleasure is that you, or any three or more of you, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing, under your hands and seals respectively, all and every the several proceedings of yourselves had by virtue of these Presents:

And lastly, We do by these Presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue until the close of the said Exhibition; and that you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time, and at any place or places, 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 for the purpose of aiding you in such matters, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Herbert Jekyll, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Colonel of Our Forces, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the first day of *February*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, in the sixty-first year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

M. W. RIDLEY.