



Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith: TO Our right trusty and ^{right} well-beloved Councillor ^{Cousin and} *Hardinge Stanley* Earl of Halsbury Our Chancellor of that part of Our said United Kingdom called Great Britain GREETING: WE WILL AND COMMAND that under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom remaining in your custody you cause these Our Letters to be made forth Patent in form following:—

Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith *To all Archbishops Dukes Marquesses Earls Viscounts Bishops Barons Knights Citizens and Burgesses and all other Our faithful Subjects whatsoever to whom these Presents shall come Greeting: Whereas* We shall shortly be absent from Our Realm in Foreign Parts, *Know Ye that* for divers causes and considerations concerning Us and the tranquility of Our Realm *Us hereunto especially moving* We having entire confidence in the fidelity of Our most dear and entirely beloved Sons and most faithful Councillors *Albert Edward Prince of Wales, knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, knight Grand Commander of Our Most Excellent 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, and 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, knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, knight Grand Commander of Our Most Excellent 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, and Our most dear and entirely beloved Grandson and most faithful Councillor George Frederick Ernest Albert Duke of York, 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, knight Grand Cross of The Royal Victorian Order, of Our most especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion* *Do nominate and appoint the said Prince of Wales in Our said absence and the said Duke of Connaught and Strathearn in Our said absence and in the absence of the Prince of Wales and the said Duke of York in Our said absence and in the absence of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn to summon and hold on Our behalf Our Privy Council and to signify thereof Our approval of any matter or thing whereunto they respectively shall be so authorized by writing under Our Sign Manual and to do further on Our behalf any matter or thing whereunto they respectively shall be authorized in manner aforesaid Commanding all and singular Archbishops Dukes Marquesses Earls Viscounts Bishops Barons Knights Citizens and Burgesses and all other Our officers Ministers and Subjects that in everything appertaining to the matters aforesaid they be attendant counselling and helping Our said Sons and Grandson as it behoves them.*

In witness to Witness to.

Given at Our Court at the day of *March*

One thousand eight hundred and *ninety nine* in the *sixty second* Year of Our Reign.

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

This contains a Warrant to the Lord High Chancellor to pass Letters Patent under the Great Seal whereby Your Majesty is pleased to *make provision for the summoning and holding of the Privy Council and other matters during Your Majesty's absence and declaring and nominating His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and Strathearn K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., and His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert Duke of York K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., for the purposes therein mentioned.*

And this Warrant is prepared according to Your Majesty's Royal Command.

Signed by Secretary *Sir Matthew White Ridley.*

MUIR MACKENZIE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.