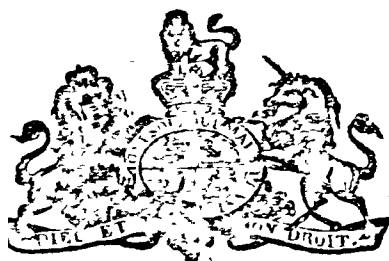


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OF
HER MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS
APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO
THE
REVENUES AND MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN
COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS,
AND THE
STUDIES PURSUED AND INSTRUCTION
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COMMISSION

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 Cousin and Councillor, George William Frèderick Earl of Clarendon, Knight of Our most noble Order of the Garter; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin William Reginald Earl of Devon; Our right trusty and well-beloved George William Lord Lyttelton; Our trusty and well-beloved Edward Turner Boyd Twisleton, Esquire (commonly called the Honourable Edward Turner Boyd Twisleton); Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved William Hepworth Thompson, Clerk, Master of Arts; and Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Halford Vaughan, Esquire, Master of Arts, greeting:

Wherreas We have deemed it expedient, for divers good Causes and Considerations, that a Commission should forthwith issue for the Purpose of inquiring into the Nature and Application of the Endowments, Funds, and Revenues belonging to or received by the herein-after mentioned Colleges, Schools, and Foundations, namely, the College of the Blessed Mary of Eton, near Windsor (commonly called Eton College), Saint Mary College, Winchester (commonly called Winchester College), the Collegiate School of Saint Peter, Westminster, the Hospital founded in Charterhouse, in the County of Middlesex, commonly called Sutton's Hospital or the Charterhouse, Saint Paul's School in the City of London, the Merchant Taylors' School in the City of London, the Free Grammar School of John Lyon at Harrow-on-the-Hill, in the County of Middlesex, the School founded by Lawrence Sheriff, at Rugby, in the County of Warwick, the Free Grammar School of King Edward the Sixth at Shrewsbury; and also to inquire into the Administration and Management of the said Colleges, Schools, and Foundations, and into the System and Course of Studies respectively pursued therein, as well as into the Methods, Subjects, and Extent of the Instruction given to the Students of the said Colleges, Schools, and Foundations.

Now know ye, that We, reposing great Trust and Confidence in your Knowledge, Ability, and Discretion, have authorized and appointed and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you the said George William Frèderick Earl of Clarendon, William Reginald Earl of Devon, George William Lord Lyttelton, Edward Turner Boyd Twisleton, Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, William Hepworth Thompson, and Henry Halford Vaughan, to be Our Commissioners for inquiring into the Nature and Application of the Endowments, Funds, and Revenues belonging to or received by the said Colleges, Schools, and Foundations; and also to inquire into the Administration and Management of the said Colleges, Schools, and Foundations, and into the System and Course of Studies respectively pursued therein, as well as into the Methods, Subjects, and Extent of the Instruction given to the Students of the said Colleges, Schools, and Foundations.

And for the better enabling you to carry these Our Royal Intentions into effect, We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any Three or more of you, before you or any Three or more of you such Persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be better informed of the Matters herein submitted for your Consideration, and also to call for and examine all such Books, Documents, Papers, and Records, as you shall judge likely to afford you the fullest Information on the Subject of this Our Commission, and to inquire of and concerning the Premises by all other lawful Ways and Means whatsoever.

And We do also give and grant unto you, or any Three or more of you, full Power and Authority, when the same shall appear to be requisite, to administer an Oath or Oaths to any Person or Persons whatsoever to be examined before you or any Three or more of you touching or concerning the Premises.

And it is Our further Will and Pleasure that you, or any Three or more of you, do report to Us in Writing under your Hands and Seals, as soon as the same can reasonably be done (using all Diligence), your several Proceedings by virtue of this Our Commission, together with your Opinions touching the several Matters hereby referred for your Consideration.

And We will and command, and by these Presents 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.

And We do hereby require all and singular Our Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, Officers, Ministers, and all other Our loving Subjects whatsoever, as well within Liberties as without, that they be assistant to you and each of you in the Execution of these Presents.

And for your further Assistance in the Execution of these Presents, We do hereby nominate and appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Mountague Bernard, Bachelor of Civil Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission, and to attend you, whose Services and Assistance We require you to use from Time to Time as occasion may require.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.
Witness Ourself at Westminster, the 18th Day of July, in the Twenty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

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The Commission was issued on the 18th July 1861.

The First Meeting of the Commissioners was held on the 20th July 1861.

Printed Questions addressed to the Authorities of the several Schools, with a series of Tabular Forms which they were requested to fill up, were sent to them on the 9th October 1861.

Answers to these Questions were received at various times within a period extending from the 24th December 1861 to the 31st March 1862. In the case of one of the Schools some of the Tabular Returns asked were not completed until the month of June 1862.

The Commissioners visited the several Schools at the following times in the year 1862.

Rugby, 11th, 12th, and 13th May;
 Shrewsbury, 22nd and 23rd May;
 Winchester, 29th and 30th May;
 Harrow, 2nd and 3rd June;
 Charterhouse, 16th June;
 Westminster, 21st June;
 Merchant Taylors', 28th June;
 St. Paul's, 2nd July;
 Eton, 3rd July.

Witnesses were examined at various times within a period extending from 12th May 1862 to 15th May 1863. The total number examined was 130. This number includes persons who, as Trustees, members of Governing Bodies, or in any other character, sought interviews with the Commissioners or attended of their own accord. A list of the witnesses examined in connexion with each School is prefixed to the Minutes of Evidence relating to such School, and a list of witnesses examined on topics bearing generally on Public School Education is prefixed to the General Evidence.

The total number of Meetings held by the Commissioners is 127.