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SIXTH REPORT

OF

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ROYAL COMMISSIONS.

Whitehall, 17th September, 1906.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect :—

EDWARD, R. & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to

Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor WILLIAM COURT, VISCOUNT SELBY ;

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor AMELIUS MARK LOCKWOOD, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Honorary Colonel of the 4th Battalion of the Essex Regiment ; and

Our trusty and well-beloved :—

SIR WILLIAM SELBY CHURCH, Baronet, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Doctor of Medicine ;

SIR WILLIAM JOB COLLINS, Knight, Doctor of Medicine ;

SIR JOHN MCFADYEAN, Knight ;

MACKENZIE DALZELL CHALMERS, Esquire, Companion of our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, one of the Under-Secretaries of State to Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department ;

ABEL JOHN RAM, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law ;

WALTER HOLBROOK GASKELL, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine ;

JAMES TOMKINSON, Esquire ; and

GEORGE WILSON, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine ;

GREETING !

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to inquire into and report upon the practice of subjecting live animals to experiments, whether by vivisection or otherwise ; and also to inquire into the law relating to that practice, and its administration ; and to report whether any, and if so what, changes are desirable ;

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you, the said William Court, Viscount Selby (Chairman) ; Amelius Mark Lockwood ; Sir William Selby Church ; Sir William Job Collins ; Sir John McFadyean ; Mackenzie Dalzell Chalmers ; Abel John Ram ; Walter Holbrook Gaskell ; James Tomkinson ; and George Wilson to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.



And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any five 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; 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 inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect 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 five 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 further ordain that you, or any five or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time, if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any five or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Clive Bigham, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Captain in Our Army, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the 17th day of *September*, 1906,
in the sixth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. J. GLADSTONE

Note.—His Majesty was subsequently pleased to create Mr. Chalmers a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

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Whitehall, December 2, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect :—

EDWARD, R & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, To Our Trusty and Well-beloved Abel John Ram, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law, Greeting !

Whereas by Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual bearing date the Seventeenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and six, We were pleased to appoint Commissioners—you the said Abel John Ram being one of the said Commissioners—to inquire into and report upon the practice of subjecting live animals to experiments, whether by vivisection or otherwise ; and also to inquire into the law relating to that practice, and its administration ; and to report whether any, and if so what, changes are desirable :

And Whereas the Chairman of the Commission is at this present void by the death of Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor William Court, Viscount Selby :

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you, the said Abel John Ram, to be Chairman of the said Commission in the room of the said William Court, Viscount Selby, deceased.

Given at Our Court at *Sandringham* the Twenty-seventh day of *November*, one thousand nine hundred and nine, in the ninth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. J. GLADSTONE.

Whitehall, May 30, 1910.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect :—

GEORGE, R. & I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas it pleased His late Majesty from time to time to issue Royal Commissions of Inquiry for various purposes therein specified :

And Whereas, in the case of certain of these Commissions, namely, those known as :—

The Historical Manuscripts Commission,
The Horse Breeding Commission,
The Sewage Disposal Commission,
The Poor Laws Commission,
The Tuberculosis Commission,
The Canal Communication Commission,
The Mines Commission,
The Welsh Church Commission,
The Coast Erosion and Afforestation Commission,
The Vivisection Commission,
The Land Transfer Acts Commission,
The Ancient Monuments (Wales and Monmouthshire) Commission,
The Ancient Monuments (England) Commission,
The Trade Relations between Canada and the West Indies Commission,
The Selection of Justices of the Peace Commission,
The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Commission,
The University Education in London Commission, and
The Brussels, Rome, and Turin Exhibitions Commission,

the Commissioners appointed by His late Majesty, or such of them as were then acting as Commissioners, were at the late Demise of the Crown still engaged upon the business entrusted to them :

And Whereas We deem it expedient that the said Commissioners should continue their labours in connection with the said inquiries notwithstanding the late Demise of Crown :

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in the zeal, discretion and ability of the present members of each of the said Commissions, do by these Presents authorize them to continue their labours, and do hereby in every essential particular ratify and confirm the terms of the said several Commissions.

And We do further ordain that the said Commissioners do report to Us under their hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of such of their number as may be specified in the said Commissions respectively, their opinion upon the matters presented for their consideration ; and that any proceedings which they or any of them may have taken under and in pursuance of the said Commissions since the late Demise of the Crown and before the issue of these Presents shall be deemed and adjudged to have been taken under and in virtue of this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the Twenty-sixth day of *May*, one thousand nine hundred and ten, in the first year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

R. B. HALDANE.

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TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

Availing ourselves of Your Majesty's permission to report our proceedings from time to time, we beg to submit to Your Majesty, as an Appendix to this our Sixth Report, further Papers relating to the evidence we have heard, as we think the present publication of these documents is desirable.

ALL WHICH WE HUMBLY SUBMIT FOR YOUR
MAJESTY'S MOST GRACIOUS CONSIDERATION.

A. J. RAM, *Chairman.*

M. LOCKWOOD.

W. S. CHURCH.

WILLIAM J. COLLINS.

J. McFADYEAN.

M. D. CHALMERS.

W. H. GASKELL.

GEORGE WILSON.

CLIVE BIGHAM, *Secretary.*

29th February 1912.