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ROYAL COMMISSION.

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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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 Fifth Report, Minutes of the Evidence taken in the month of March, 1908, with Appendices and an Index of all 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.

SELBY (*Chairman*).

M. LOCKWOOD.

W. S. CHURCH.

M. D. CHALMERS.

A. J. RAM.

CLIVE BIGHAM (*Secretary*).

28 May, 1908.
