

"At that time I was able to do little more than assure the commissioners of my readiness to promote such a scheme, and to recommend the respective Governments to give it their full consideration.

"I trust that the British Colonial Exhibition, which I propose to hold in 1886, may result in the formation of such a museum, the institution of which would secure for the people of this country a permanent record of the resources and development of Her Majesty's colonies."

The *Official Gazette* of the 18th November, 1884, notified the appointment by Her Majesty of the Royal Commission, the membership of which proved at once the high importance attached by the Queen to the Exhibition, and the interest taken in it by the Royal family. It must also be observed with pride and gratification throughout the dependencies of Great Britain, that the names of their representatives are associated, in this splendid roll, with those most illustrious in England in rank and station, in politics, in arms, in science. I introduce them here, and I am proud to point out that the honour conferred by the distinguished character of the Royal Commission is enhanced by the fact that it was the third, only, which Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint to direct the affairs of an exhibition.

*Patron.*

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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