

(Signed) Edward R & I.

EDWARD, 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, Emperor of India, &c. &c. &c. To all and Singular to whom these presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS it is proposed that a Commission composed of Delegates nominated by the Governments of Great Britain, China, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Russia, Siam, Turkey, and the United States of America, shall meet at Shanghai on February 1st, 1900, in order to investigate the Opium Trade and the Opium habit in the Far East, and to formulate and recommend for the consideration of their respective Governments such remedial measures as the circumstances require;

NOW KNOW YE that WE, resposing especial Trust and Confidence in the approved knowledge and ability of Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, G.C.M.G., late Governor of the Straits Settlements; Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Alexander Hosie, Acting Commercial Attaché to Our Legation at Peking; Our Trusty and Well-beloved William Lyon Mackenzie King, Esquire, C.M.G.; Our Trusty and Well-beloved James Bennett Brunyate, Esquire, Acting Financial Secretary to the Government of India; and Our Trusty and well-beloved Robert Laidlaw, Esquire, Member of Parliament, have named ^{made} and constituted and appointed, and by these Presents name, make, constitute and appoint them to be Our Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid.

In witness whereof we have signed these Presents with Our Royal Hand.

Given at Our Court of Saint James the twenty-eighth