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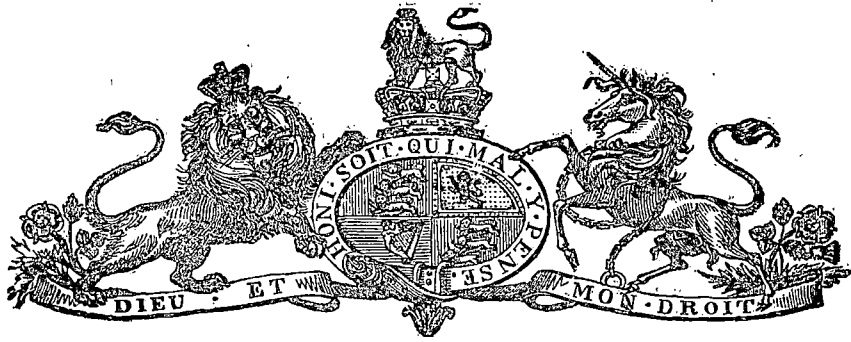
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H O U S E O F A S S E M B L Y.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION, 1878:

DESPATCH OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 13, 1877.



Downing-street, 16th February, 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to address to me, expressing the pleasure which His Royal Highness will feel in learning that the Colonies have determined to take a prominent part at the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

2. The distinguished success which crowned the labours of the Colonial Commissioners at the Philadelphia Exhibition in 1876, encourages me to hope that no effort will be wanting on the part of your Government to respond to the wishes of His Royal Highness.

3. The services of Mr. Owen, whom His Royal Highness has appointed Secretary to the Royal Commissioners, will be at the disposal of any Colonial Governments desiring to have recourse to them.

4. I request that you will lay this despatch before your Ministers.

I have, the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

CARNARVON.

The Officer administering the Government of Tasmania.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Earl of Carnarvon.

(Copy.)

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W., 23rd January, 1877.

MY LORD,

I BEG, as President of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878, to transmit to your Lordship the enclosed printed document containing an extract from the *London Gazette* of the 23rd January, nominating a Royal Commission appointed by Her Majesty for advancing, so far as Great Britain, the Indian Empire, and the Colonies and Dependencies are concerned, the objects which the Paris Exhibition has in view.

I beg further to enclose for your Lordship's information the general summary of the French Regulations, showing the conditions under which the Exhibition will be administered; and Her Majesty's Commissioners would be glad if your Lordship would officially announce the part to be taken by Great Britain at the approaching Exhibition to the Governor-General of the Dominion and to the Governors and authorities of the Colonial Empire, and at the same time express the pleasure I shall feel in learning that the various Governments have determined to take a prominent part in making a suitable representation.

I have instructed Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, C.B., whom I have appointed Secretary, to place himself at your Lordship's disposal; and he will attend to all communications. I trust your Lordship will be good enough to accredit him to the various authorities requiring information respecting the Exhibition.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

ALBERT EDWARD,
*President of the Royal Commission
for the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.*

The Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION OF 1878.

ROYAL COMMISSION.

(*London Gazette of the 23rd January, and of the 20th February, 1877.*)

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., *President.*
 His Excellency Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris (The Lord Lyons, G.C.B.)
 The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, K.G., Lord President of the Council.
 The Duke of Manchester, K.P.
 The Duke of Sutherland, K.G.
 The Duke of Westminster, K.G.
 The Earl Spencer, K.G.
 The Earl Cadogan, Under Secretary of State for War.
 The Earl Granville, K.G.
 The Earl of Northbrook, G.C.S.I.
 The Lord Tenterden, C.B., Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
 The Lord De L'Isle and Dudley.
 The Honorable Edward Stanhope, M.P., Secretary to the Board of Trade.
 The Honorable Robert Henry Meade, Assistant Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.
 The Right Honorable Sir Alexander James E. Cockburn, Bart., G.C.B., Lord Chief Justice of England.
 The Right Honorable Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., F.R.S., Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 The Right Honorable Lyon Playfair, C.B., M.P., F.R.S.
 The Right Honorable The Lord Mayor of London for the time being.
 The Lord Provost of Edinburgh for the time being.
 The Lord Mayor of Dublin for the time being.
 Sir William Stirling-Maxwell, Bart., K.T., M.P.
 Sir Coutts Lindsay, Bart.
 Sir Nathaniel M. de Rothschild, Bart., M.P.
 Sir Richard Wallace, Bart., M.P.
 Sir John Rose, Bart., K.C.M.G.
 Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, Bart., G.C.B.
 Lieut.-General Sir Alfred H. Horsford, G.C.B.
 Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, K.C.B., F.R.S.
 Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., President of the Royal Geographical Society, and the President for the time being.
 Sir Henry Thring, K.C.B., Parliamentary Counsel.
 The President of the Royal Academy, Sir Francis Grant.
 Sir Louis Mallett, C.B., Under Secretary of State for India.
 Sir Andrew Fairbairn.
 The President of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, Sir John Gilbert, R.A., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal Society, Joseph Dalton Hooker, Esq., C.B., M.D., D.C.L., LL.D., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal College of Physicians, James Risdon Bennett, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Prescott G. Hewett, Esq., F.R.S., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal Agricultural Society, the Lord Skelmersdale, or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, G. R. Stephenson, Esq., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Charles Barry, Esq., F.S.A., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, S. S. Lloyd, Esq., M.P., or the President for the time being.
 The President of the Agricultural Engineers' Association, Bernhard Samuelson, Esq., M.P., or the President for the time being.
 C. Rivers Wilson, Esq., C.B., Controller-General of the National Debt.
 Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Ellis, C.S.I.
 Lieut.-Colonel Robert J. Lloyd-Lindsay, V.C., M.P.
 Edmund Ashworth, Esq., President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.
 Isaac Lowthian Bell, Esq., M.P., F.R.S.
 Hugh Birley, Esq., M.P.
 Joseph Chamberlain, Esq., M.P.
 William Holms, Esq., M.P.
 Frederick Leighton, Esq., R.A.
 Samuel Morley, Esq., M.P.
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 Henry William Ripley, Esq., M.P.

P. CUNLIFFE OWEN, C.B., *Secretary.*

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION OF 1878.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE FRENCH COMMISSION, SPECIALLY AFFECTING FOREIGN EXHIBITORS.

1. The Exhibition will open on the 1st of May, 1878, and will close on the 31st October, 1878.
2. Goods will be admitted into the Exhibition from the 1st of January, 1878, to the 30th of March, 1878, both days inclusive.
3. Objects of great value may, by special arrangement, be received later than the 30th of March.
4. Goods must be in their places and all arrangements completed by the 15th of April. After this date the General Commissioner will dispose of any space not occupied, or only partially occupied.
5. There will be no charge for space.
6. The Exhibition precincts being constituted a Bonded Warehouse, there will be no duties to pay for any goods except such as are intended for consumption, and these will only be liable to the duties levied on similar products of the most favoured nation.
7. All objects exhibited will be protected against piracy of inventions or designs. Upon this subject exhibitors are referred to Appendix No. II. to the General Regulations.
8. The General Commission will take precautions for the safe preservation of all objects in the Exhibition, but will not be liable for loss or damage of any kind.
9. There will be no charge for flooring, except in the Machinery Gallery.
10. A limited quantity of steam, gas, and motive power will be supplied free of charge.
11. The placing of heavy objects requiring special foundations or adjustment may, by special arrangement, begin at an earlier period than the 1st of January.
12. Exhibitors are free to insure their goods.
13. All costs of packing, transport, unpacking, fittings, placing and care of goods, storage of empty cases and return of goods, provision and placing of velariums or ceilings in the Exhibition, special earth-works, &c., in the Gardens, and all charges for decoration authorised by the General Commissioner are to be borne by the Exhibitors.
14. The General Commission will not take charge of empty cases.
15. No modern work of art will be admissible if executed before the 1st of May, 1867.
16. Noxious and explosive substances will be prohibited as usual, and the General Commissioner reserves the right of excluding any object which may seem to him to be inconsistent with the purpose or decorum of the Exhibition.
17. There will be no constructions in the Gardens illustrating national dwelling-houses, &c.
18. All goods will be exhibited under the name of the person who has signed the application for admission.
19. No article may be withdrawn before the close of the Exhibition without the special consent of the General Commissioner.
20. All goods must, under penalties, be removed before the 15th of December, 1878.
21. The General Commission informs all exhibitors that the Chamber of Commerce of Paris will establish a General Agency for the reception, management, and return of goods.
22. The General Commissioner will not correspond directly with Foreign exhibitors. They must address all communications through the Commissions of their respective Countries.
23. If neither the exhibitor nor his agent be present to receive the packages on their arrival at the Exhibition, the carrier will be bound to take them back immediately.
24. There will be a General Catalogue, and Foreign Commissions may publish Catalogues of their own sections, but in their own language only.
25. Further Regulations will be issued respecting the forwarding of goods, &c.
26. Objects exhibited will be distributed into the following nine Groups :—
 1. Works of Art.
 2. Education and Instruction. Apparatus and Processes of the Liberal Arts.
 3. Furniture and Accessories.
 4. Textile Fabrics. Clothing and Accessories.
 5. Mining Industries. Raw and Manufactured Products.
 6. Apparatus and Processes used in the Mechanical Industries.
 7. Alimentary Products.
 8. Agriculture and Pisciculture.
 9. Horticulture.

Each of these Groups is divided into Classes according to the system of general classification.

While the Royal Commission will do all in its power generally to assist and advise British Exhibitors, it will be understood by Exhibitors that, in accordance with the precedents of previous International Exhibitions, they or their agents must be responsible for the packing, forwarding, unpacking, and reception of their goods, as well as for their safety during the continuance of the Exhibition.

All communications for the information of His Royal Highness the President should be addressed to Mr. P. Cunliffe Owen, C.B., who has been nominated Secretary to the Royal Commission by His Royal Highness.

*Offices of the Royal Commission, Canada Buildings,
King-street, Westminster, S.W.*

NOTE.—Copies of both the General and the Special Regulations may be had on application.