

2. The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered for the purposes aforesaid from time to time—

- (i.) To acquire by gift, purchase, or otherwise, and hold and dispose of, personal or movable property of every kind in the United Kingdom or elsewhere:
- (ii.) To acquire by gift, purchase, or otherwise, and to hold (without license in mortmain or other authority than this our charter), lands in the United Kingdom, not exceeding two hundred acres, for the purposes of such cemeteries as aforesaid, or five acres for the purposes of such offices as may be required by the Commission, and to acquire by the like means, and to hold (subject to any local law for the time being in force), lands in any of our Dominions beyond the seas, and in any of our Protectorates, and in any foreign State, for the purposes of such cemeteries or offices as aforesaid:
- (iii.) To provide for the burial in any such cemetery of any such officers or men of our Forces as aforesaid, and to exercise such powers of exhumation and reinterment as may appear to the Commission to be desirable, and as may be approved by the duly constituted local authority in the territory or territories concerned:
- (iv.) To erect and maintain buildings and permanent memorials on or in any such cemetery, to plant trees, shrubs, and flowers therein, to make and maintain all necessary fences, ways, and paths, and to do all such other things as may be necessary for the general maintenance and upkeep of such cemetery:
- (v.) To permit or to prohibit the erection by any person other than the Commission of permanent memorials in any such cemetery, or in any part of such cemetery, and, where such memorials are permitted, to receive and deal with applications by any persons to erect any such memorial, and to reject any application if the proposed memorial appears to the Commission (whose decision shall be final) to be unsuitable:
- (vi.) To provide for the registration of all graves in such cemeteries, and for the method of keeping all registers or branch registers used for this purpose, and for their inspection by the public, and their safe custody:
- (vii.) To make by-laws, as hereinafter provided, with regard to any such cemetery, subject in every case to the local law of the territory in which such cemetery is situated:
- (viii.) To provide for the care of graves of any officers and men of our said Forces who may be buried elsewhere than in such cemeteries as aforesaid, for the placing of memorials on such graves, for their registration, and for the doing of all such other things as the Commission may think proper with regard to such graves, subject in every case to the local law of the territory in which any such grave may be situated:
- (ix.) To take such steps as may be necessary under the local law of the territory concerned to enable the Commission to hold any land, other than any such cemetery as aforesaid, for the purpose of providing or erecting any permanent memorial in honour of officers or men of our said Forces who shall have fallen in the present war:
- (x.) To establish and maintain such offices as may be necessary for the work of the Commission, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, to build or take by gift, lease, purchase, or otherwise suitable buildings for such purposes, and to dispose from time to time of any land and buildings used for such offices when not required for such purposes:
- (xi.) To appoint and employ such officers and servants as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Commission, whether in such offices or in such cemeteries as aforesaid, and whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere:
- (xii.) To enter into any contract, whether within the United Kingdom or elsewhere, with any of our subjects, or with the subjects or citizens of any foreign State, with a view to the carrying into effect of any of the purposes or the exercise of any of the powers of the Commission:
- (xiii.) To act as the "Association Régulièrement Constituée" for the purpose of the French law of the 29th day of December, 1915, and to have similar authority in relation to any law or agreement of a like nature passed by or made with the Government of any other foreign State, and generally for the purposes of this our charter to enter into such relations with the Government of any foreign State, or any body authorized by such Government, as may be approved by our Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:
- (xiv.) To enter into such arrangements with the Government of any part of our Dominions beyond the seas, or of any of our Protectorates, as may be desirable with a view to the carrying into effect of any of the purposes or the exercise of any of the powers of the Commission:
- (xv.) To do anything not expressly hereinbefore provided for which may be incidental or conducive to the carrying into effect of any of the purposes or the exercise of any of the powers of the Commission.

3. The Commission is hereby specially authorized and empowered from time to time to make by-laws (subject as aforesaid) with regard to the following matters:—

- (i.) The protection of public health and the maintenance of public decency and order in the cemeteries held for the purposes of the Commission:
- (ii.) The hours for opening and closing such cemeteries and the admission of the public thereto:
- (iii.) The conditions upon which any private memorials, permanent or temporary, may be placed upon graves in such cemeteries: