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TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1892.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 18th day of *August*, 1892.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Herbert Henry Asquith, Q.C., the Right Honourable Archibald Philip, Earl of Rosebery, the Most Honourable George Frederick Samuel, Marquess of Ripon, K.G., the Right Honourable Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and the Right Honourable John, Earl of Kimberley, K.G., five Principal Secretaries of State, they were this day, by Her Majesty's Command, sworn Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 18th day of *August*, 1892.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

HER Majesty having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Seals of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to the Right Honourable James Bryce, the oath of allegiance and the oath of office as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster were accordingly this day taken by him.

Privy Council Office, August 18, 1892.

THIS day, at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, in the presence of the Lord Chancellor, the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt was sworn Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Right Honourable Sir George Otto Trevelyan was sworn Secretary for Scotland, the Right Honourable Anthony John Mundella was sworn President of the Board of Trade, the Right Honourable Henry Hartley Fowler was sworn President of the Local Government Board, the Right Honourable Arnold Morley was sworn Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, and the Right Honourable George John Shaw Lefevre was sworn Chief Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

Privy Council Office, August 19, 1892.

THIS day, at Whitehall, the Right Honourable John Poyntz, Earl Spencer, K.G., was, in the presence of the Lord Chancellor, sworn First Lord of the Admiralty.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
the 18th day of *August*, 1892.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord Chancellor.
Lord President.
Lord Privy Seal.
Marquess of Salisbury.
Marquess of Lothian.
Lord George Hamilton.
Viscount Cross.
Secretary Lord Knutsford.
Mr. Secretary Stanhope.
Mr. Goschen.
Mr. Balfour.
Sir J. Parker Deane.

WHEREAS by "The Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," it is provided that, whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in the territories of any foreign power, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from merchant ships belonging to a subject of such power when within Her Majesty's dominions, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such Order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient:

And whereas it hath been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities for recovering and apprehending seamen (not being citizens of the United States) who desert from British merchant ships in the territories belonging to the said United States will be given under a treaty between Her Majesty and the President of the United States signed at Washington on the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two the ratifications of which were exchanged on the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette, seamen, not being slaves, and not being British subjects, who, within Her Majesty's dominions, desert from merchant ship,