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BY THE KING A PROCLAMATION

Appointing Wednesday the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, a Bank Holiday throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland for the purposes of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871.

GEORGE R.I.

Whereas We consider it desirable, in the circumstances of the present emergency, that Wednesday the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, shall be kept as a close holiday in all banks in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and shall, as regards bills of exchange and promissory notes payable in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, be deemed to be a bank holiday for all the purposes of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section four of the said Act, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, appoint the said first day of January to be observed as a bank holiday throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

And We do declare that this Proclamation does not have the effect of making the said day a holiday under, or for the purposes of, the Holidays Extension Act, 1875.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and forty, and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

OFFICE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

RECEPTION AND SWEARING IN OF HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, K.G., K.P., AS GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND—
13th DECEMBER, 1940.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn was received on his arrival at the Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast, by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and conducted to the Judges Assembly Room where His Grace's Warrant of Appointment as Governor of Northern Ireland was presented to the Lord Chief Justice by the Clerk of the Privy Council.

After the Royal Warrant of Appointment had been read by the Prime Minister, the Oath of Allegiance and the Official Oath were administered to His Grace by the Lord Chief Justice.

His Grace took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and the Official Oath and proceeded with the Prime Minister and the Members of the Cabinet to hold a Meeting of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland.

R. GRANSDEN,
Clerk of the Council.

OFFICE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

13th December, 1940.

A meeting of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland was held at the Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast, to-day, at which the following were present:—

His Grace the Governor of Northern Ireland.

The Right Honourable J. M. Andrews,
D.L., M.P.