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**LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,**

October 23, 1899.

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed after Saturday, the 4th November next, until further orders.

**FOREIGN OFFICE, October 3, 1899.**

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint James William Jamieson, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Commercial Attaché, and Consul in Her Majesty's Consular Service in China.

**CROWN OFFICE, October 23, 1899.**

The Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to appoint George Farwell, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, to be one of the Justices of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

**ORDER** of the Postmaster-General under Section 3, Sub-section (5), of the Telegraph Act, 1899.

Whereas it is enacted by section 3, sub-section (5), of the Telegraph Act, 1899, that if the licence of an existing Company (hereinafter

referred to as "the Company") is under the provisions of section 3 of the said Act extended in respect of any exchange area of a period of not less than eight years, the Company shall, at the request of any other licensee of the Postmaster-General providing public telephonic communication in the whole or any part of that exchange area (which other licensee is herein-after referred to as "the new licensee") and under such circumstances and on such terms and conditions as within six months from the passing of this Act may be prescribed by an order of the Postmaster-General made with the approval of the Treasury, afford all proper facilities for the transmission of telephonic messages between persons using the system of the Company (either in the whole or in part of the exchange area, as the Postmaster-General may prescribe) and persons using the system of such other licensee, provided that the licensee so requiring inter-communication shall in any such case afford similar facilities:

Now, therefore, I, Henry, Duke of Norfolk, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, by virtue of the powers vested in me for that purpose as aforesaid, and of all other powers vested in me in that behalf, do, with the approval of the Treasury, order as follows:—

1. When the subscribers of the new licensee at the date when inter-communication is requested equal or exceed in number one-fourth of those of the Company at that date, in the area specified in the new licence, or number 500, whichever first happens, but not before, mutual inter-communication shall be afforded by the Company and the new licensee between their respective subscribers and other persons using