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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1869.

By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Monday the tenth day of January next, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare, that the said Parliament be further prorogued to Tuesday the eighth day of February next; and We do hereby further, with the advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal will and pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said Tuesday the eighth day of February next, assemble and be holden for the dispatch of divers urgent and important affairs: and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly, at Westminster, on the said Tuesday the eighth day of February next.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and in the thirty-third year of Our reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.

At the Court at Windsor, the 11th day of December 1869.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council, that the Convocations of the Provinces of Canterbury and York be prorogued from the day to which the same now stand prorogued to Wednesday the ninth day of February next; and the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain is to cause Writs to be prepared and issued in the usual manner for proroguing the Convocations accordingly.

At the Court at Windsor, the 11th day of December 1869.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was his day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the ninth of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas your Majesty was graciously pleased, by your Order in Council of the sixth February one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, to establish seven Greenwich Hospital Pensions of sixty-five pounds a-year each, for Inspectors of Machinery and Chief Engineers: And whereas your Majesty was further pleased, by your Order in Council of seventeenth May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, to create a new rank of Chief Inspector of Machinery, such rank to be honorary, and to carry no increase of full pay: And whereas we are humbly of opinion that the new rank of Chief Inspector of Machinery should be considered eligible for appointment to the existing seven Greenwich Hospital Pensions: We most respectfully beg to recommend that in future the seven Greenwich Hospital Pensions established by your Majesty's Order in Council of sixth February one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, for Inspectors of Machinery and Chief Engineers, may be considered available for Chief Inspectors of Machinery, Inspectors of Machinery, and Chief Engineers."

Her Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

EDMUND HARRISON.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, December 10, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Walker, Esq., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, to be Surgeon Oculist in Ordinary to Her Majesty for Scotland, in the room of William Mackenzie, Esq., M.D., deceased.