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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1827.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 16th day of *November* 1827,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir James M'Intosh, Sir Launcelot Shadwell, and Sir William Keppel were, by His Majesty's command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their respective places at the Board accordingly.

This day the Most Noble Henry Marquess of Lansdowne was, by His Majesty's command, sworn Lord Lieutenant of the county of Wilts.

This day the Right Honourable Sir William Keppel was, by His Majesty's command, sworn Governor of the island of Guernsey and of the islands thereto belonging.

C. C. Greville.

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WHEREAS the depredations which have for some time been committed upon the commerce of His Majesty's subjects in the Mediterranean seas by armed vessels, piratically cruising under the Greek flag, have of late greatly increased, and have been accompanied with acts of cruelty and barbarity,

which have rendered the navigation of those seas highly perilous; and His Majesty has in vain applied for the prevention of these outrages to the persons exercising the powers of Government in Greece, who, however willing, are unable effectually to repress such excesses, owing to the disturbed state of the country and the disorder prevailing in the several Islands of the Greek Archipelago, and His Majesty is thereby laid under the necessity of providing for the same:

To that end, it has appeared to His Majesty that the most efficacious means by which the persons and lawful commerce of His Majesty's subjects in the Mediterranean seas can be adequately protected, until some Government shall be established in Greece competent to put a stop to all irregularities of the nature complained of, will be to prevent, so far as possible, any armed vessels, bearing the Greek flag, from putting to sea, such ships of war only excepted as are belonging to or acting under the orders of the persons exercising the powers of Government in Greece.

For this purpose His Majesty is pleased to order and declare, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that instructions be issued forthwith to His Majesty's naval forces in the Mediterranean, authorising and directing them to seize and send into some port belonging to (or being under the power and protection of) His Majesty, every armed vessel which they shall meet with at sea under the