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By the QUEEN.
A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS great numbers of evil-disposed and disorderly persons have lately, in some parts of Great Britain, assembled themselves together, after sunset, by torch-light in large bodies, and in a tumultuous manner, with banners, flags, and other ensigns, and have continued so assembled until a late hour of the night; and, during the time they were so assembled, have, by loud shouts and noises, and by the discharge of fire arms, and the display of weapons of offence, greatly alarmed the inhabitants of the neighbourhood of such assemblies, and endangered the public peace: We, therefore, being sensible of the mischievous consequences to be apprehended from such illegal meetings, and of the dangerous tendency thereof, not only to the peace of Our kingdom, but to the lives and properties of Our subjects, do hereby warn and command all persons to desist from such assemblies at their peril; and do further command all justices of the peace, sheriffs, constables, and other peace officers, to use their utmost endeavours to prevent all such illegal assemblies, and to bring the offenders to justice.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this twelfth day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

CONVENTION of COMMERCE and NAVIGATION between HER MAJESTY and the SULTAN of the OTTOMAN EMPIRE, with three additional Articles thereunto annexed.

Signed at Balta-Liman, near Constantinople,
August 16, 1838.

Convention appended to the Capitulations granted to Great Britain by the Ottoman Porte, amending and altering certain Stipulations therein contained, as regards the Commerce and Navigation of the two Countries.

DURING the friendly intercourse which has happily subsisted so long between the Sublime Porte and the Kings of Great Britain, Capitulations granted by the Porte, and Treaties concluded between the Two Powers, have regulated the rates of duties payable on merchandize exported from, and imported into, the Dominions of the Sublime Porte, and have established and declared the rights, privileges, immunities, and obligations of British merchants trading to, or residing in, the Imperial territories. But since the period when the above-mentioned stipulations were last revised, changes of various kinds have happened in the internal administration of the Ottoman Empire, and in the external relations of that Empire with other Powers; and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Highness the Sultan, have therefore agreed now to regulate again, by a special and additional Act, the commercial intercourse of their subjects, in order to increase the trade between their respective Dominions, and to render more easy the exchange of the produce of the one country for that of the other. They have consequently named for their Plenipotentiaries for this purpose, that is to say:—Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable John Brabazon Lord Ponsonby, Baron of