

serious consequence, form the subjects of measures to be submitted for your consideration.

Her Majesty has learnt with satisfaction that the measures which have been already passed for the promotion of the public health are in a course of gradual adoption; and Her Majesty trusts, that, both in the metropolis and in various parts of the United Kingdom, you will be enabled to make further progress in the removal of evils which affect the health and well-being of Her subjects.

The favour of Divine Providence has hitherto preserved this kingdom from the wars and convulsions which during the last two years have shaken so many of the States of the Continent of Europe.

It is Her Majesty's hope and belief that by combining liberty with order, by preserving what is valuable, and amending what is defective, you will sustain the fabric of our Institutions as the abode and the shelter of a free and happy people.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

In order to the Electing Two Peers of Scotland.

WHEREAS David Earl of Airlie and John Lord Colville of Culross were duly elected and returned to be two of the sixteen Peers of Scotland to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and are since deceased: In order to the electing two other Peers of Scotland to sit in their room, We do, by the advice of our Privy Council, issue forth this our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood House at Edinburgh, on Wednesday the thirteenth day of March next ensuing, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose two other Peers of Scotland to sit and vote in the House of Peers in this present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the room of the said David Earl of Airlie and John Lord Colville of Culross, deceased, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers, and producing mandates in writing duly signed before witnesses, and both the constituents and proxies being qualified according to law): and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such elections made and duly examined, to certify the names of the Peers so elected, and to sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificates into our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain: and we strictly charge and command that this our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns of Scotland, twenty-five days at least before the time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such elections.

Given at our Court at Windsor, this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and in the thirteenth year of our reign.

God save the Queen.

Windsor-Castle, January 30, 1850.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Thomas Noon Talfourd, Esq. one of the Judges of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas.

Whitehall, January 30, 1850.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Sir Francis Thornhill Baring, Bart.; Rear-Admiral James Whitley Deans Dundas, C.B.; Rear-Admiral Maurice Frederick Fitzhardinge Berkeley, C.B.; Captain Houstoun Stewart, C.B.; Captain Alexander Milne, and the Honourable William Francis Cowper, Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions, islands, and territories thereto belonging.

Duchy of Lancaster, January 30, 1850.

The Queen has been this day pleased to appoint Clement Royds, of Mount-falings, Esq. to be Sheriff of the county palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

War-Office, 1st February, 1850.

1st Regiment of Dragoons, Paymaster Robert Browne Thomas Boyd, from 89th Foot, to be Paymaster, vice White, who exchanges. Dated 1st February 1850.

4th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James Alexander Madigan to be Captain, without purchase, vice Sheppard, deceased. Dated 24th January 1850.

Ensign George Augustus Morgan to be Lieutenant, vice Madigan. Dated 24th January 1850.

Ensign Francis Fisher Hamilton, from 65th Foot, to be Ensign, vice Morgan. Dated 1st February 1850.

7th Foot, Ensign Thomas Tryon, from the 68th Foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Porter, who retires. Dated 1st February 1850.

24th Foot, Ensign William Vesey Munnings to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Parsons, whose promotion by purchase has been cancelled. Dated 1st February 1850.

Ensign Robert Lind, from 6th Foot, to be Ensign, vice Munnings. Dated 1st February 1850.

34th Foot, Lieutenant Edward Wilmot Sitwell to be Captain, by purchase, vice Lumsden, who retires. Dated 1st February 1850.

Ensign Granville William Puget to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Sitwell. Dated 1st February 1850.

39th Foot, William Hucks Harding Warner, Gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Traherne, who retires. Dated 1st February 1850.

54th Foot, Ensign Edward Cliffe, from the 6th Foot, to be Ensign, vice Kinahan, deceased. Dated 1st February 1850.