

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

*In order to the Electing and Summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland.*

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS We have in Our Council thought fit to declare Our pleasure for summoning and holding a Parliament of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on Thursday the thirtieth day of April next ensuing the date hereof; in order, therefore, to the electing and summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, who are to sit in the House of Peers in the said Parliament, 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, in Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of April next, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose the Sixteen Peers, to sit and vote in the House of Peers in the said ensuing Parliament, 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 a mandate in writing, duly signed before witnesses, and both the constituent and proxy 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 election made and duly examined, to certify the names of the Sixteen Peers so elected, and to sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly command and require the Provost of Edinburgh, and all other the Magistrates of the said city, to take especial care to preserve the peace thereof, during the time of the said election, and to prevent all manner of riots, tumults, disorders, and violence whatsoever. 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, ten days, at least, before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such election.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, this twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twentieth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *March*, 1857,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Most Noble Charles Cecil John, Duke of Rutland, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Leicester, the Right Honourable William, Earl of Burlington, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Lancaster, and William Thomas Spencer, Esq. (commonly called Viscount Milton),

to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the West Riding of the county of York, they this day took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased, upon a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, to appoint Charles Henry Alderson, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, late Scholar of Trinity College, Oxford, and John Reynell Morell, Esq., to be two of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, and the Reverend Benjamin James Binns, B.A., late Principal of the Caernarvon Training College, to be one of Her Majesty's Assistant Inspectors of Schools.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *March*, 1857,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *March*, 1857,

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The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it was enacted, that "Her Majesty might, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time reduce all or any of the dues for the time being payable in respect of existing or future lighthouses, buoys, or beacons, for the time being under the management of the General Lighthouse Authorities therein named (that is to say, the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Port of Dublin Corporation);

And whereas by an Order in Council made in pursuance of the said last mentioned Act, and dated the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, certain consolidated tables of light dues were approved by Her Majesty; and whereas by the same Order it was directed, that until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, might see fit otherwise to determine, there should be allowed to every person paying the dues specified in the said tables, an abatement or discount upon the amount payable by him, which should, in the case of every oversea vessel, be twenty-five per cent., and in the case of every coasting vessel, be ten per cent.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty, that the said light dues may be further reduced without injury to the services in respect of which such dues are levied.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," is pleased to direct that the said light dues shall, on and after the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, be further reduced as follows: that is to say: until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, may see fit otherwise to