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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday the fifteenth day of December next; We, with the advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby publish and declare, that the said Parliament shall be further prorogued, on the said fifteenth day of December next, to Tuesday the twenty-fourth day of January next; and We have given order to Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain to prepare a Commission for proroguing the same accordingly: 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 twenty-fourth day of January 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 twenty-fourth day of January next.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and in the twenty-third year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 29th day of *November*, 1859,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Most Noble Francis, Duke of Bedford, K.G., to be Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Bedford, his Grace, this day, took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 29th day of *November*, 1859.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Her Majesty was graciously pleased, by Her Royal Proclamation, bearing date the thirtieth day of April last, to promise and declare that the Bounties of Ten Pounds for every Able Seaman, and Five Pounds for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for Her Majesty's Service, should be paid, in the manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the age of forty-five, nor under the age of twenty years, who should, on or before the fifteenth day of June then following, enter themselves to serve in Her Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Her Majesty's Ships, or Officers employed in Tenders, or at Rendezvous on Shore for raising men for the service of the Royal Navy: and whereas Her Majesty was also graciously pleased by Her said Proclamation to declare that all Able-bodied Landsmen, not above the age of twenty-five, nor under the age of twenty years, who should so enter themselves as aforesaid, should receive the sum of Forty Shillings each man as Her Majesty's Royal Bounty:

And whereas the time limited for Payment of the said Bounties, so far as they relate to Able Seamen and Ordinary Seamen, was, by Order in Council of the eleventh day of June last, prolonged and extended from the said fifteenth day of June to the thirty-first day of July last; and whereas by two other Orders in Council, the said Bounties have been since reduced to Eight Pounds and Four Pounds respectively, and lastly to Six Pounds and Three Pounds respectively; and the time limited for the payment of the said last-mentioned reduced Bounties was prolonged and extended to the 30th day of November instant; and it being judged expedient for Her Majesty's Service that such Bounties should, so far as they relate to Able Seamen and Ordinary Seamen, be continued to be paid for some time longer, Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the time limited for payment of the said Bounties of Six Pounds to Able Seamen, and of Three Pounds to Ordinary Seamen,