A T the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 25th day of July, 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

TER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, G.C.B., to be one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, he was this day, by Her Majesty's command, sworn one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

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The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day The Right Honourable Sir Robert Peel, Baronet, was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

A T the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 25th day of July, 1861,

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering "more easy the taking the poll at county elections, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the Justices of any county, riding, parts, or division in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled, representing that the number of polling places for such county riding, parts, or division is insufficient, and praying that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place or polling places for the county, riding, parts, or division of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare that any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts, or division; and that the Justices of the Peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the Act passed in the second and third years of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and determine the divi-"sions of counties and the limits of cities and "boroughs in England and Wales, in so far as "respects the election of members to serve in "Parliament," shall, conformably to the said lastmentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place:

And whereas the Justices of the county of Somerset in quarter sessions assembled on the second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, have presented a petition to Her Majesty, representing that the number of polling places for the western division of the said county of Somerset is insufficient, and praying that Dulverton may be a polling place for the said division, within which such place is situate;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petition into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, order and direct, and it is hereby declared, ordered, and directed that the said town of Dulverton shall be a polling place for the western division of the county of Somerset; and that the Justices of the Peace for the said western division, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the said Act, passed in the second and third years of the reign of His said late Majesty, shall, conformably to the said Act, divide such division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place.

Arthur Helps.

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PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS in certain cases ships navigating in ballast from ports or places within the United Kingdom, to other ports or places within the United Kingdom are not exempted from compulsory pilotage,—

And whereas it is expedient that such ships should have the privilege of being exempt from pilotage in the cases hereinafter mentioned,—

And whereas by the 332nd Section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted that "every pilotage authority shall have power, "by bye-law made with the consent of Her "Majesty in Council, to exempt the masters of "any ships, or of any classes of ships from being "compelled to employ qualified pilots, and to "annex any terms, and conditions to such "exemptions,"—

And whereas the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, being a pilotage authority, hath submitted for the consent of Her Majesty in Council, the following bye-law, viz:—

"That all ships navigating in ballast from any port or place in the United Kingdom, to any other port or place in the United Kingdom shall, when not carrying passengers, be exempt from compulsory pilotage within the pilotage jurisdiction of the said Trinity House."

Now, therefore, Her Majesty having taken the said bye-law into consideration is pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act to declare Her consent to the same, and the said bye-law is hereby approved accordingly.

Arthur Helps.

T the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 25th day of July, 1861,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the four hundred and tenth section of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," it is enacted, that upon the completion of any new lighthouse, buoy, or beacon, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such dues in