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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1865.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 5th day of *December*, 1865.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare Her consent to a Contract of Matrimony between Her Royal Highness the Princess Helena Augusta Victoria, and His Serene Highness Prince Frédéric Christian Charles Augustus of Schleswig-Holstein Sonderburg Augustenburg; which consent Her Majesty has also caused to be signified under the Great Seal.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of December instant, We, with the advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby publish and declare, that the said Parliament shall be further prorogued on the said twenty-eighth day of December instant, to Thursday, the first day of February next; and We have given order to Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain to prepare a Writ Patent 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 Thursday, the first day of February 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 Thursday, the first day of February next.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this fifth day of *December*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and in the twenty-ninth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 5th day of *December*, 1865.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain do issue writs for further proroguing the Parliament, which was appointed to meet on Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of December instant, to Thursday, the first day of February next: and also for proroguing the convocations of the provinces of Canterbury and York, from Friday, the twenty-ninth day of December instant, to Friday, the second day of February next.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 5th day of *December*, 1865.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Naval Agency and Distribution Act, 1864, it is enacted (among other things) that the several shares of any money in the several cases in the said Act enumerated distributable among the officers and crew of any of Her Majesty's ships of war shall be paid to the persons entitled thereto in such manner and subject and according to such restrictions, conditions, and provisions as may from time to time be directed by Order in Council:

And whereas it is by the said Act also enacted that Her Majesty in Council may from time to time make such Orders as may seem meet for the better execution of the said Act:

Now therefore Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the said Act or otherwise in Her vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Preliminary.

1. This Order shall commence from and immediately after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.