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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fifteenth day of January 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 January next to Tuesday, the fifth 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 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 fifth 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 Tuesday, the fifth day of February next.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, this twenty-eighth day of *December*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and in the thirtieth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 28th day of *December*, 1866.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased, on a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, to appoint the Reverend Charles Durell Du Port, of Caius College, Cambridge, M.A., to be one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.

Edmund Harrison.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 28th day of *December*, 1866.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," it is provided, that whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering or apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in the territories of any Foreign Power, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from merchant-ships belonging to such Power, when within Her Majesty's dominions, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such Order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient; and whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in the territories of the United States of Colombia:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of the Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that, from and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette, seamen, not being slaves, and not being British subjects, who within Her Majesty's dominions desert from merchant-ships belonging to the United States of Colombia, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships:

Provided, always, that if any such deserter has committed any crime in Her Majesty's dominions he may be detained until he has been tried by a competent Court, and until his sentence, if any, has been fully carried into effect.

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Honourable the Viscount Cranborne, and the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, three of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Edmund Harrison.