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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1868.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 9th day of *December*, 1868:

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to declare the Right Honourable George Frederick Samuel, Earl de Grey and Ripon, Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and his Lordship, having taken the oaths of office, took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 9th day of *December*, 1868.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, John Bright, Esquire, was, by Her Majesty's command, admitted as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 9th day of *December*, 1868.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, Hugh Culling Eardley Childers, Esquire, Austen Henry Layard, Esquire, and William Edward Forster, Esquire, were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their places at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 9th day of *December*, 1868.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased to deliver the Great Seal to the Right Honourable Sir William Page Wood, Knight, whereupon the oath of Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, was, by Her Majesty's command, admin-

istered to him, and he took his place at the Board accordingly.

This day the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone took the oath of First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Her Majesty having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Privy Seal to the Right Honourable John, Earl of Kimberley, the oath of the Keeper of the Privy Seal was this day administered to him, and his Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

This day the Right Honourable John Robert, Viscount Sydney, took the oath of Lord Chamberlain.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Most Noble George Douglas, Duke of Argyll; the Right Honourable George William Frederick, Earl of Clarendon; the Right Honourable Granville George, Earl Granville; the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell; and the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, to be Her Majesty's Five Principal Secretaries of State, they were, this day, by Her Majesty's command, sworn Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Robert Lowe, Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of Her Majesty's Exchequer, he took the oath of Chancellor of the Exchequer.

This day the Right Honourable Spencer Compton Cavendish (commonly called the Marquess of Hartington), took the oath of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

This day the Right Honourable Hugh Culling Eardley Childers took the oath of First Lord of the Admiralty.

This day the Right Honourable George Joachim Goschen took the oath of President of the Poor Law Board.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John Bright President of the Committee of Council for Trade.

This day the Right Honourable John Bright made the requisite affirmation, in lieu of the oath of office, as President of the Board of Trade.

This day the Right Honourable Austen Henry Layard took the oath of Chief Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased to direct that the Right Honourable William Edward