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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1869.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to the twenty-eighth day of October instant: We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare, that the said Parliament be further prorogued to Thursday, the twenty-third day of December next.

Given at our Court at *Balmoral*, this seventh day of *October*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and in the thirty-third year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 7th day of *October*, 1869.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council, that the Convocations of the Provinces of Canterbury and York be prorogued from the day to which the same now stand prorogued to Friday, the twenty-fourth day of December next; and the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain is to cause Writs to be prepared and issued in the usual manner for proroguing the Convocations accordingly.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 7th day of *October*, 1869.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, James Moncreiff, Esquire, was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 7th day of *October*, 1869.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, dated the fifteenth of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, in the words and figures following, viz. :—

“Whereas by the twelfth section of an Act passed in the thirty-second year of your Majesty's reign, chapter forty-four, intituled ‘An Act to make better provision respecting Greenwich Hospital, and the application of the Revenues thereof,’ it is enacted that the Admiralty shall, from time to time, pay to the Board of Trade a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole, in any year, the sum of four thousand pounds, which sum or sums the Board of Trade shall apply in payment of pensions to some of such masters and seamen of the Mercantile Marine as contributed out of their wages, the sum of sixpence a month towards the support of Greenwich Hospital :

And whereas by the same section of the said Act it is further provided that it shall be lawful for your Majesty, from time to time, by Order in Council, made on the joint recommendation of the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, to make regulations respecting the qualifications for and amount of such pensions :

We beg leave to recommend that your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, to sanction the following Regulations for the award of the Pensions in question :

I. Only such masters and seamen of the Mercantile Marine as can prove, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade, at least five years service previous to first of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five; and who contributed sixpence a month to the funds of Greenwich Hospital during that period; to be considered as eligible for the said pensions.

II. Only such Masters and seamen of the Mercantile Marine as have been disabled, or incapacitated from age; and who are not less than 55 years of age; to be considered as eligible for the said pensions.