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*Foreign Office, August 4, 1873.*

**E**ARL GRANVILLE, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has been informed by Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague, that the Proclamation of Blockade of the Coast of Acheen, of which a translation is annexed, has been issued by the Governor-General of Netherland India.

(Translation.)

**PROCLAMATION.**

The Governor-General of Netherlands India, Commander-in-Chief of the Land and Naval Forces of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands east of the Cape of Good Hope, brings to the knowledge of all whom it may concern, that in consequence of the state of war in which the Government of Netherlands India is involved with the country of Acheen, the ports and landing places, coasts, rivers, bays, and creeks of the said country and its dependencies are declared to be in a state of blockade, with all the consequences which may thereon ensue; and that the Commander of the Navy stationed in the waters of Acheen is entrusted with the execution of this measure.

Done at Buitenzorg, 4th June, 1873.

(Signed) LOUDON.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 4th day of *August*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**I**T is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Parliament be prorogued from Tuesday, the fifth day of August instant, to Wednesday, the twenty-second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three; and that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain do cause a Commission to be prepared and issued in the usual manner for proroguing the Parliament accordingly.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 4th day of *August*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**I**T 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 Thursday, the twenty-third day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three; 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.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight* the 4th day of *August*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**T**HIS day, the Right Honourable George Grenfell, Lord Wolverton, and Sir Henry Bartle Edward Frere, K.C.B., were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their places at the Board accordingly.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 4th day of *August*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Our reign, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the "Laws relating to the Militia in England," it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty from time to time where, with the advice of Her Privy Council she may see fit, to order all or any part of the Militia to be