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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1875.

Windsor Castle, December 15, 1875.

HER Royal Highness The Princess Marie Alexandra Victoria, Grandchild of Her Majesty The Queen and of His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, Infant Daughter of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and of Her Royal and Imperial Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh (Grand Duchess of Russia), was this day privately Baptized in the Chapel at Windsor Castle. The Sponsors for Her Royal Highness The Infant Princess were Her Majesty The Empress of Russia (represented by Her Majesty The Queen); Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales; Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Saxe Coburg and Gotha (represented by Her Royal Highness The Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Helena of Great Britain and Ireland); His Imperial Highness The Grand Duke Cesarewitch (represented by His Excellency The Russian Ambassador, Count Schouvaloff); His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn (represented by His Royal Highness The Prince Leopold.

The Ceremony was performed by The Very Reverend A. P. Stanley, D.D. (The Dean of Westminster), assisted by The Honourable and Very Reverend Gerald Wellesley, D.D. (The Dean of Windsor).

Foreign Office, December 16, 1875.

THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a Note, dated the 11th instant, from the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at this Court, containing a denunciation, on the part of the Austro-Hungarian Government, of the Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and Austria of the 16th of December, 1865, and of the Supplementary Convention of the 30th of December, 1869.

The above Treaty and Convention will expire on the 1st of January, 1877.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 10th day of *December*, 1875.

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 Wednesday, the ninth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six; 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 *Windsor*, the 10th day of *December*, 1875.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the first session of Parliament holden in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to abridge the holding of benefices in plurality, and to make better provision for the residence of the clergy," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, with respect to his own diocese, and whenever it shall be represented to him by the bishop of any diocese, or by the bishops of any two dioceses, that two or more benefices, or that one or more benefice or benefices, and one or more spiritual sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, in his or their diocese or dioceses, being either in the same parish or contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population shall not exceed one thousand five hundred persons, and the aggregate yearly value shall not exceed five hundred pounds, may, with advantage to the interests of religion, be united into one benefice, the said Archbishop of the Province shall inquire into the circumstances of the case; and if on such inquiry it shall appear to him that such union may be usefully made, and will not be of inconvenient extent, and that the patron or patrons of the said benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages respectively, is or are consenting thereto, such consent being signified in writing under the hands of such patron or patrons, the said Archbishop shall, six weeks before certifying such inquiry and consent to Her Majesty, as herein after directed, cause, with respect to his own diocese, a statement in writing of the facts, and in other cases a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation, to be affixed on or near the principal outer door of the church, or in