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By the QUEEN.
A PROCLAMATION.
VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday, the seventeenth day of January next, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare Our Royal will and pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said Thursday, the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, 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 Thursday, the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this twenty-second day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 22nd day of *December*, 1877.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Myddelton-Biddulph, K.C.B., 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 *Windsor*, the 22nd day of *December*, 1877.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IN pursuance of the Winter Assizes Acts, 1876 and 1877, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Most Honourable Privy Council, to order as follows:—

1. The County of Norfolk, the County of the City of Norwich, the County of Suffolk, the

County of Huntingdon, the County of Cambridge, and so much of the County of Essex as is not by the Central Criminal Court Act included in the Central Criminal Court District, shall, for the purpose of the next Winter Assizes, be united together and form one county, under the name of the Winter Assize County, No. 6.

2. The said Winter Assizes for the said Winter Assize County shall be held at the Shire-hall, at Chesterton, in the county of Cambridge.

3. The Court at the said Winter Assizes at Chesterton shall have jurisdiction to try any prisoner committed in the said Winter Assize County who may be brought before it, and shall have the same powers with respect to the trial of and passing sentence upon such prisoner as a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery would have had at the Assizes in the county where, but for the said Winter Assizes Acts such prisoner would have been tried, and for the purpose of giving effect to any sentence, whether it be capital or a sentence of penal servitude or imprisonment, shall have power to remit the prisoner back to the gaol to which he would have been remitted, had he been tried at the Assizes in the county where but for the said Winter Assizes Acts he would have been tried, there to be dealt with according to law.

4. The Sheriff of the County of Cambridge shall alone act for the purpose of the said Winter Assizes for the said Winter Assize County, and subject to the provisions of this Order, shall have jurisdiction for that purpose over the whole district constituting the said Winter Assize County, and precepts and other documents relating to the said Winter Assizes shall be addressed to him alone.

5. The precepts of the Judges to the said Sheriff shall direct him to summon the Grand Jurors and Petty Jurors from the County of Cambridge, and the Jurors so summoned shall be deemed to be good and lawful men of the body of the several counties constituting the said Winter Assize County, and the Grand and Petty Jury formed out of those Jurors shall be deemed to be a Grand and Petty Jury respectively of the body of the said counties respectively, and shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

6. The precepts of the Judges to the said Sheriff shall direct him to cause the prisoners from all the prisons in the said Winter Assize County who under the provisions of this Order will have to be tried at Chesterton, to be