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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

In order to the Electing a Peer of Scotland.

VICTORIA, R.

**W**HEREAS David Graham Drummond, Earl of Airlie, was duly elected and returned to be one of the sixteen Peers of Scotland to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and is since deceased: In order to the Electing another Peer of Scotland to sit in his room, We do, by the advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood House, at Edinburgh, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of January next ensuing, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose another Peer of Scotland to sit and vote in the House of Peers in this present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the room of the said David Graham Drummond, Earl of Airlie, deceased, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers and producing a mandate in writing duly signed before witnesses, and both the constituent and proxy being qualified according to law): and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the name of the Peer so elected, and to sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain: and We strictly charge and command that this Our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross, at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns of Scotland, ten days at least before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such election.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, this ninth day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and in the forty-fifth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 19th day of *December*, 1881.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council,

**T**HIS day Sir Nathaniel Lindley, Lord Justice of Appeal, was, by Her Majesty's Command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and his Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 19th day of *December*, 1881.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS Alfred Herbert Lush Esquire Barrister-at-Law duly appointed in pursuance of the Municipal Corporations Act 1859 and the Municipal Corporations Act 1859 Amendment Act 1861 for the purpose of determining the boundaries of the Wards of the borough of Portsmouth, and of apportioning the Councillors thereto transmitted to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State his determination and apportionment in the following terms:—

“Borough of Portsmouth.

“Whereas, Her Majesty has been pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council and in pursuance and exercise of the power vested in Her Majesty by the Municipal Corporations Act 1859 to fix the number of wards into which the borough of Portsmouth in the county of Southampton shall be divided and to order and direct that the said borough shall be divided into fourteen wards which Order was made on the fifth day of January 1881.

“And whereas on the sixth day of July in the year last aforesaid the Right Honourable Sir Robert Lush, Knight, one of the Lords Justices of Her Majesty's Court of Appeal then being the Senior Judge in the Commission of Assize for the Summer Circuit next after the making of the said Order did duly appoint me Alfred Herbert Lush Esquire Barrister-at-Law for the purpose of determining the boundaries of such wards and apportioning the number of the Councillors of the said borough among such wards, and apportioning the Councillors for the wards altered amongst the new wards as in the said Act and in the Municipal Corporations Act 1859 Amendment Act mentioned.

“Now I the said Alfred Herbert Lush do hereby in pursuance of the powers given me by