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IT is hereby notified that Earl Granville, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister Resident and Consul-General at Santiago, reporting that the Mixed Commission of Arbitration on British Claims (see Gazette of April 11th instant) constituted itself and held its first session on the 1st of March ultimo; and therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII. of the Convention, British claims will have to be presented within six months from that date.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 14th day of April, 1884.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the forty-fifth and forty-sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "The Militia Act, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two," it is amongst other things enacted that, save as therein otherwise provided, the Militia shall be trained and exercised for not less than twenty-one days, and not more than twenty-eight days, in every year, at such times and at such places in every part of the United Kingdom as Her Majesty may appoint, and also that Her Majesty may, from time to time, with the advice of Her Privy Council, order that the period of training and exercise in any year, of all or any part of the Militia be extended, but so that the whole period of training and exercise be not more than fifty-six days.

And whereas it is expedient that the training of the 2nd Brigade Northern Division, Royal Artillery (formerly the Durham Artillery Militia), and the 7th Brigade South Irish Division Royal Artillery (formerly the Clare Artillery Militia), and also the Anglesey Engineer Militia, the Hampshire (Submarine Miners), Engineer Militia, and Royal Monmouthshire Engineer Militia, should be extended beyond the period of twenty-eight days for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and direct that the period of training and exercise of the before-specified regiments and brigades of militia shall, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, be extended under the pro-

visions of the before-cited Act, from twenty eight days to the number of days in each case hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

2nd Brigade, Northern Division, Royal Artillery, thirty-four (34) days.

7th Brigade, South Irish Division, Royal Artillery, thirty-four (34) days.

Royal Anglesey Engineer Militia, forty-one (41) days.

Hampshire (Submarine Miners) Engineer Militia, fifty-six (56) days.

Royal Monmouthshire Engineer Militia, forty-one (41) days.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 14th day of April, 1884.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the 11th section of the Volunteer Act, 1863, it is amongst other things enacted that Her Majesty in Council may, from time to time declare what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient Volunteer by an Order in Council defining for that purpose the extent of attendance at drill to be given by the Volunteers, and the course of instruction to be gone through by him, and the degree of proficiency in drill and instruction to be attained by him and his corps, such proficiency to be judged of by the Inspecting Officer at the annual inspection of the corps or otherwise as by Order in Council is from time to time directed, and that "the draft of any scheme to be from time to time submitted to Her Majesty in Council for approval under the present section shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament for one lunar month at least, either before or after, or partly before and partly after, the passing of this Act during the present, or for the like period during any subsequent session of Parliament before such scheme receives the approval of Her Majesty in Council."

And whereas it is deemed expedient that the Order in Council bearing date the 31st day of July, 1880, declaring what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an efficient Volunteer be amended so far as relates to the sixteenth clause of the scheme to the said Order annexed.

And whereas an amended draft of the said sixteenth clause of the said scheme relative to the efficiency of Volunteers was on the seventh day of February last laid before both Houses of Parlia-