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By the QUEEN.
A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS by the Army Act, 1881, and the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, it is, amongst other things, enacted, that, in case of imminent national danger, or of great emergency, the occasion being first communicated to Parliament, if Parliament be then sitting, or declared by Proclamation, it shall be lawful for Us by Proclamation to direct that the Reserve Force and the Militia Reserve Force, or such part thereof as We may from time to time think fit, may be called out on Permanent Service; and by any such Proclamation to order a Secretary of State, from time to time, to give such directions as may seem necessary or proper for calling out the Forces mentioned in such Proclamation, or all or any of the men belonging thereto, and that upon the issuing of any such Proclamation the men in Class I of the Reserve Force, and of the Militia Reserve Force, or those of them to whom such Proclamation applies shall become subject to general service with Our Army, and the said Force, or such part thereof as may be so called out, shall serve in pursuance of such Proclamation until it be signified to them by Our command that their services are no longer required; but so, nevertheless, that they shall not be required under such Proclamation to serve for a period exceeding in the whole the remainder unexpired of their respective terms of service in the Reserve Force to which they severally belong and any further period not exceeding twelve months during which as soldiers of the Regular Forces they can, under Section 87 of the Army Act, 1881, be detained in service after the time at which they would otherwise be entitled to be discharged:

And, also, that We may direct that all or any persons who would otherwise be entitled, in pursuance of the terms of their enlistment, to be transferred to the Reserve, shall continue in Army Service, and such persons shall accordingly continue to serve in Army Service for the same period for which they might be required to serve if they had been transferred to the Reserve and called out for permanent service by a Proclamation issued by Us under the enactments relating to the Reserve.

And whereas the present state of public affairs and the extent of the demands on Our Military Forces for the protection of the interests of the Empire, have, in Our opinion, constituted a case

of great emergency within the meaning of the said Acts, and We have communicated the same to Parliament:

Now, therefore, We do, in pursuance of the said Acts, hereby direct the Right Honourable Spencer Compton Cavendish (commonly called the Marquis of Hartington), one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, to call out on permanent service from time to time, such men of Our Reserve Force and such men of the Militia Reserve Force as he may think fit; and such men shall proceed to and attend at such places and at such times as may be respectively appointed by Our Secretary of State to serve as part of Our Army until their services are no longer required.

And We further direct that all soldiers who, on and after this date, would otherwise be entitled, in pursuance of the terms of their enlistment, to be transferred to the Reserve, shall continue in Army service until legally discharged or transferred to the Army Reserve.

And We do hereby direct Our said Secretary of State to give all necessary directions herein accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this twenty-sixth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, in the Forty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
March 24, 1885.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 6th of June next.

War Office, March 26, 1885.

A DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been received by the Secretary of State for War from General Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G. :-

My LORD, Camp, Korti, March 1, 1885.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith copies of two Despatches received from Major-General Sir Redvers Buller, K.C.M.G. They contain an account of the attack of the enemy on his camp at Abu Klea wells on the 16th and 17th ultimo, and also of his march to Gakdul, where he arrived on the 26th.