the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed. and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday, the thirtieth day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday, the thirtieth day of November next.

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AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 15th day of *September*, 1887.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Parliament be prorogued from Friday, the sixteenth day of September instant, to Wednesday, the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain do cause a Commission to be prepared and issued in the usual manner for proroguing the Parliament accordingly.

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AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 15th day of *September*, 1887.

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 Thursday the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, 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.

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AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 15th day of *September*, 1887.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT having been represented to Her Majesty in Council by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England in a Memorial sealed with the Seal of the said Governor and Company, and dated the twenty-eighth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven:—

(1.) That, subsequently to the date of Her Majesty's Order in Council of the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, certain bankers, in the said Memorial named, who on the sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, were issuing their own bank notes to the extent of sums amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £647,998, have ceased to issue their own bank notes;

(2.) That the total of the authorized issues of bankers who subsequently to the said sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four have ceased to issue their own bank notes, including the above sum of £647,998, amounts to £3,320,237, whereof the proportionate part of two-thirds amounts to £2,213,491 6*s.* 8*d.*;

(3.) That the aggregate increase of issues by the Bank of England of their own bank notes authorised by Orders of Her Majesty in Council, under the provisions of the hereinafter-mentioned Act, during the same period have amounted only to £1,750,000; and

(4.) That the difference between such aggregate increase of issues by the Bank of England, and the proportionate part of two-thirds of the aforesaid lapsed issues by other Banks, is £463,491 6*s.* 8*d.*:

And the said Governor and Company having thereupon humbly made application to be authorized, under the provisions of the Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-two entitled "An Act to regulate the issue of Bank Notes, and for giving to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England certain privileges for a limited period," to increase the amount of securities in the Issue Department of the Bank of England and to extend the issue of their own bank notes to an amount not exceeding the above-mentioned difference between the increase of issues by the Bank of England that has been already authorized, and two-thirds of the aggregate issues by the banks that have lapsed subsequently to the sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Now therefore it is this day ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the said Governor and Company shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to increase the amount of securities in the Issue Department of the Bank of England to the extent of £450,000 beyond the total sum or value of £14,000,000 in the said Act mentioned, and of the further sums of £475,000, £175,000, £350,000, and £750,000, authorized by Her Majesty's Orders in Council dated the seventh day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the twenty-sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, the third day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and thereupon to issue additional Bank of England notes from the said Issue Department, in manner in the said Act mentioned, to the amount of £450,000. *C. L. Peel.*

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AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 15th day of *September*, 1887.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order made by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council on the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, Her Majesty did, by and with the advice of the said Council, order that George Henry Charles, Baron Strafford (commonly called Viscount Enfield), now Earl of Strafford, Sir George Webbe Dasent, Knight, Doctor of Civil Law, and Theodore Walrond, Esquire, Companion of the Bath, or such other persons as Her Majesty might from time to time approve in the stead of them, or any of them, should be Her Majesty's Commissioners for testing, in conformity with Her Majesty's Order in Council dated the fourth of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, or such further Order or Orders as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, had issued, or might issue in that behalf, the qualifications of persons proposed to be appointed to situations or employments in Her Majesty's Civil Establishments, and also for testing, in conformity with regulations to be from time to time issued by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War, the literary qualifications of candidates for first Commissions in the Army, and for admission to the Royal Military College at Woolwich, and should hold their offices during the pleasure of Her Majesty; the said