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*Privy Council Office, Whitehall,
The 9th day of October, 1903.*

This day, in the presence of Mr. Secretary Lyttelton, the Right Honourable Edward George Villiers Stanley, commonly called Lord Stanley, was sworn Postmaster-General; the Right Honourable Joseph Austen Chamberlain, M.P., was sworn Chancellor of the Exchequer; and the Right Honourable Andrew Graham Murray, M.P., was sworn Secretary for Scotland.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

EDWARD, R. & I.

Whereas Our Parliament stands prorogued to Monday, the second day of November, one thousand nine hundred and three; We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be further prorogued to Friday, the eleventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred and three.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this ninth day of *October*; in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and in the third year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *October*, 1903,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Alfred Lyttelton, K.C., one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, he was this day by His Majesty's command, sworn one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, October 9, 1903.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Austria, to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Honorary Knights Grand Cross:

His Imperial and Royal Highness the Archduke Ludwig Victor.
His Imperial and Royal Highness the Archduke Leopold Salvator.
His Imperial and Royal Highness the Archduke Franz Salvator.