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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1908.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by His Majesty in Council that the Parliament be prorogued from Monday, the twenty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight, to Tuesday, the sixteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and nine, to be then holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs, 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.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the Bishops Resignation Act, 1869, a representation has been made to His Majesty by the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Randall Thomas, by Divine Providence, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, at the instance of the Right Honourable and Most Reverend William Dalrymple, by Divine Permission, Lord Archbishop of York, that the said William Dalrymple, Archbishop of York, is desirous of resigning his Archbishopric (such resignation to take formal effect upon the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight), by reason

that he is incapacitated by age from the due performance of his duties as Archbishop:

And whereas His Majesty is satisfied of such incapacity and that the said Archbishop has canonically resigned:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to declare, and it is hereby declared, that the said Archbishopric of York will become vacant on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and eight, and His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased to direct, and it is hereby directed, that this Order be forthwith registered by the Provincial Registrar.

A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 21st day of *December*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the fifth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the words following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the