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LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST. JAMES'S PALACE, March 9, 1891.

OTICE is hereby given that Her Majesty's Birthday will be kept on Saturday the 30th of May next.

At the Court at Windsor, the 20th day of March 1891.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Secretary for Scotland has, under the provisions of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855, made a Representation stating that he has received a copy of an Interlocutor by the Sheriff-Substitute at Ayr, finding on a Petition presented to him by the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Ayr, 'that the existence of the Old Churchyard of Ayr 'as a Burial Ground is offensive and contrary to 'decency':

And whereas in the said Representation it is recommended that Burials be discontinued in the said Churchyard, except for the burial (1) of any person aged sixty years or upwards at the date of the Order, whose husband or wife shall have been interred in the said Burial Ground previous to the date of the Order; and (2) of any person of that age at that date who shall die unmarried, whose father or mother shall have been interred in the said Burial Ground: Provided, as regards all future interments, that the exercise of the said

right shall not be injurious to the Public Health; that no graves be less than five feet deep, and that no grave be buried in unless it can be opened to that depth without the exposure of coffins; and that notice be given to the Sanitary Inspector of the Parish on the day preceding that on which a grave is to be opened: Provided also that the permission to inter is revocable at any time.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased to give notice of such Representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the first day of May 1891.

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order, or notice thereof, be published in the Edinburgh Gazette, and that copies of this Order, or notice thereof, be affixed, as required by the above-mentioned Act, on the doors of the Church of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the Parish affected by such Representation one month before such Representation is so considered.

C. L. PEEL.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 1, 1891.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Major Claude Maxwell MacDonald to be Her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul-General in the Oil Rivers Protectorate and adjoining Native Territories, and also to be Her Majesty's Consul in the Island of Fernando Po.