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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1895.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Monday the twenty-third day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five; 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 Tuesday the eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six; and We do hereby further, with the advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal will and pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said Tuesday the eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, assemble and be holden for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs: and the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly at Westminster, on the said Tuesday the eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Given at Our Court at Windsor this twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

At the Court at Windsor, the 12th day of December 1895.

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 Wednesday the twelfth day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, 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.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, December 13, 1895.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894.

Notice is hereby given that, after the expiration of forty days from the date hereof, it is proposed to submit to Her Majesty in Council, in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, the draft of an Order in Council for rescinding the Order in Council of the 30th January 1893, on the subject of Ships' Side Lights.

And notice is hereby further given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, copies of the proposed draft Order in Council can be obtained by any public body, within forty days of the date of this notice, at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall.