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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1855.

By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Tuesday the eleventh day of this instant December; We, with the advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby publish and declare, that the said Parliament shall be further prorogued, on the said eleventh day of December instant, to Thursday the thirty-first day of January next; and We have given Order to Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain, to prepare a Commission for proroguing the same accordingly: And We do hereby further, with the advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, that the said Parliament shall, on the said Thursday the thirty-first day of January next, 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 Thursday the thirty-first day of January next.

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

GOD save The QUEEN.

At the Court at Windsor, the 7th day of December 1855.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty having been pleased to deliver the custody of the Privy Seal to the Right Honourable Dudley, Earl of Harrowby, the oath of Keeper of the Privy Seal was this day administered to him, and His Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, December 11, 1855.

THE Earl of Clarendon has received a Despatch from Major-General Williams, K.C.B., Her Majesty's Commissioner attached to the Turkish Army in Asia, of which the following is a copy:—

MY LORD,

Kars, October 31, 1855.

In my Despatch of the 3d instant, in which I had the honour to detail the movements of the battle on the heights of Kars, I omitted to state that the enemy in his retreat left a tumbril on the field.

I have now great pleasure in stating for your Lordship's information that immediately after the battle His Excellency the Mushir, in virtue of the authority with which he is invested by the Sultan, conferred the second class of the Imperial Order of the Medjidieh on Lieutenant-Colonel Lake for his distinguished services on that day. On Major Teesdale, Captain Thompson, Mr Churchill, and Dr Sandwith, His Excellency conferred the third class of that Order, to mark his sense of their conduct and gallantry; and on Messrs Zohrab and Rennison he bestowed the fourth class.

As these decorations were received in view of the position which their courage and conduct so materially assisted in defending, I trust that your Lordship will obtain for these Officers and Gentlemen Her Majesty's gracious permission to accept and wear them.

His Excellency the Mushir has also named Colonel Lake a General of Brigade in the Turkish army; Major Teesdale a Lieutenant-Colonel, and Captain Thompson a Major in that army; and His Excellency assures me that he has written for the confirmation of those ranks, so honourably won on the battle field by the Officers in question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. F. WILLIAMS.

The Earl of Clarendon, K. G., &c., &c.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, December 8, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mrs Alexander Gordon to be one of the Bedchamber Women in Ordinary to Her Majesty, in the room of the Honourable General Murray, resigned.

