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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1877.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to the nineteenth day of December instant, 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 Thursday the seventeenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the forty-first year of Our reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

At the Court at Windsor, the 12th day of December 1877.

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 Friday the eighteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; 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.

WINDSOR CASTLE, December 12, 1877.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:—

Quo-Ta-jên, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of China, to deliver new Credentials;

Señor Don José Maria Torres Caicedo, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Salvador; and

The Honourable Henry E. P. Carter, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of the Hawaiian Islands;

To which audience they were respectively introduced by the Earl of Derby, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 4, 1877.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Ralph Milbanke, Esq., now a Third Secretary, to be a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.