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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us that, although under Our Proclamation of the third June one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, a large amount of the gold coin of this realm, deficient in weight, has been withdrawn from circulation, yet there is much of the gold coin of this realm deficient in weight still in circulation, contrary to the tenor of Our Proclamation aforesaid, and of two Proclamations issued, one by His late Royal Highness George Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His late Majesty King George the Third, bearing date the first of July one thousand eight hundred and seventeen; and the other issued by His late Majesty King George the Fourth, bearing date the sixth of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; and there being reason to believe that sufficient attention is not paid to the weighing of the said gold coin, and the directions, given in the Acts of Parliament now in force with respect to the cutting, breaking, or defacing such pieces thereof as are found to be of less weight than those declared by the last of the aforesaid Proclamations to be current, and to pass and be received in payment; We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, declare and command, that, from and after the date hereof, every gold sovereign of less weight than five pennyweights two grains and a half, and every gold half sovereign of less weight than two pennyweights thirteen grains and one-eighth, be not allowed to be current or pass in any payment whatsoever; and We do hereby strictly require and command all Our loving subjects, and particularly all the officers, col-

lectors, and receivers of Our revenues, strictly to conform to the orders hereby given, and to the directions and regulations enacted and established in the several Acts of Parliament now in force, and, from and after the first day of January next, to cut, break, and deface such pieces of the said gold coin as shall be found deficient in weight; and We do hereby further ordain, declare, and command; that the said gold sovereigns and half sovereigns, of the weights last above described, shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, every such sovereign as of the value of twenty shillings, and every such half sovereign as of the value of ten shillings, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at Our Court, at Windsor, this second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and in the seventh year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

Whitehall, November 30, 1843.

THE following Addresses have been presented to Her Majesty, on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit in the Midland Counties, and were very graciously received:

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the county of Stafford, crave permission to avail ourselves of the joyful occasion of your