

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

*In order to the Electing a Peer of Scotland.*

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS John Lord Rollo was duly elected and returned to be one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and is since deceased; in order to the electing another Peer of Scotland to sit in his room, We do, by the advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood House, at Edinburgh, on Wednesday the seventeenth day of March next ensuing, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose another Peer of Scotland to sit and vote in the House of Peers in this present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the room of the said John Lord Rollo deceased, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers, and producing a mandate in writing duly signed before witnesses, and both the constituent and proxy being qualified according to law); and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such Meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the name of the Peer so elected, and to sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain; and We strictly charge and command that this Our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross, at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns of Scotland, twenty-five days at least before the time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such election.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this fourth day of February, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

*Buckingham-Palace, February 13, 1847.*

This day had audience of Her Majesty, Senor Toro, to deliver his credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Venezuela:

To which he was introduced by Viscount Palmerston, G. C. B. Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by the Honourable Colonel Sir Edward Cust, K. C. H. Master of the Ceremonies.

*St. James's-Palace, February 12, 1847.*

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Colonel Thomas Le Breton, of the Royal Jersey Militia.

*St. James's-Palace, February 12, 1847.*

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Henry Edward Fox Young, Esq. Lieutenant Governor of the eastern districts of the colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

*Foreign-Office, February 12, 1847.*

The Queen has been pleased to approve of M. Dagobert Fourcade, as Consul at Port Louis, in the Mauritius, for His Majesty the King of the French.

The Queen has also been pleased to approve of Mr. John T. Pickett, as Consul at Turks' Island for the United States of America.

*Duchy of Lancaster, February 13, 1847.*

At a Council this day, the Right Honourable Henry Pelham, commonly called the Earl of Lincoln, Charles Philip Earl of Hardwicke, the Right Honourable Frederick Earl Spencer, Edward Berkeley Lord Portman, the Right Honourable Sir James Robert George Graham, Bart. and George Edward Anson, Esq. Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse, were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of the Council of the duchy of Lancaster.

*Downing-Street, February 16, 1847.*

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Henry Lushington, Esq. to be Chief Secretary to the Government of the Island of Malta.