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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS by the Act of Parliament, passed in the tenth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, for the relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects, it is enacted, that no Roman Catholic ecclesiastic, nor any member of any of the religious orders, communities, or societies of the Church of Rome, bound by monastic or religious vows, should exercise any of the rites or ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Religion, or wear the habits of his order, save within the usual places of Worship of the Roman Catholic Religion, or in private houses; And whereas it has been represented to Us, that Roman Catholic ecclesiastics, wearing the habits of their orders, have exercised the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Religion in highways and places of public resort, with many persons in ceremonial dresses, bearing banners and objects, or symbols, of their Worship, in procession, to the great scandal and annoyance of large numbers of Our people, and to the manifest danger of the public peace; And whereas it has been represented to Us that such violation of the law has been committed near places of public Worship during the time of Divine Service, and in such a manner as to disturb the congregations assembled therein; We have, therefore, thought it Our bounden duty, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, solemnly warning all those whom it may concern, that, whilst We are resolved to protect Our Roman Catholic subjects in the undisturbed enjoyment of their legal rights and religious freedom, We are determined to prevent and repress the commission of all such offences as aforesaid, whereby the offenders may draw upon themselves the punishments attending the violation of the laws, and the peace and security of Our dominions may be endangered.

Given at Our Court, at Buckingham-Palace, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

India House, June 14, 1852.

THE following Dispatches have been this day received at the East India House:

The Governor-General of India in Council to the Secret Committee of the East India Company.

(Extract.) *Fort William, May 3, 1852.*

WE have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the further papers regarding Rangoon affairs.

In these documents, our sentiments are expressed in warm, but not exaggerated, terms; for, in truth, no language could be employed too strong to convey the praise which is justly due to the gallantry, the fortitude, the patience, temper and discipline which have been exhibited, during the several operations on the coast, by all branches of the combined force, and by those who have led them so well.

We beg most respectfully and most earnestly to commend the services of these brave men, according to their several ranks and recorded merit, to the gracious consideration of Her Majesty the Queen, and to the approbation and favour of the Court of Directors.

We have, &c.

DALHOUSIE.
F. CURRIE.
J. LOWIS.

NOTIFICATION.

Fort William, April 28, 1852.

THE Governor-General of India in Council, having failed to obtain redress from the Court of Ava for injuries which had been inflicted on British subjects, in gross violation of existing Treaties, was compelled to declare that reparation should be exacted by force of arms.

To that end an expedition was immediately prepared and despatched to the coast, in the hope that a blow promptly struck against the Burmese Power might possibly lead to a concession of the just and moderate demands advanced by the Government of India, and might thus avert the necessity for engaging in extended and costly war.

The Governor-General in Council has had the satisfaction of publishing, for general information, dispatches which announce the success of the expedition, in the capture of Martaban, in the destruction of the formidable defences constructed along the river, and in the assault and occupation of the fortifications of Rangoon.

The Governor-General in Council cannot employ terms too strong in expressing his unqualified