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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1871.

By the QUEEN.  
A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

**W**HEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Wednesday, the twenty-seventh 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 Tuesday, the sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two; and We do hereby further, with the advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal will and pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said Tuesday, the sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, assemble and be holden for the dispatch 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 Tuesday, the sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this twenty-first day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the thirty-fifth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 21st day of *December*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**I**T 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 Wednesday, the seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two; 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.

**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 21st day of *December*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering more easy the taking the poll at County Elections," hereinafter called the said first-mentioned Act, Her Majesty is empowered "by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the Justices of any county, riding, parts, or divisions in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled, representing that the number of polling-places for such county, riding, parts, or division is insufficient, and praying that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling-place or polling-places for the county, riding, parts, or division of the county within which such place or places is or are situate," to declare that "any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling-place or polling-places for that county, riding, parts, or division, and that the Justices of the Peace for such county, riding, parts, or division in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled," as mentioned in an Act passed in the second and third years of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, and intituled "An Act to settle and determine the Division of Counties, and the limits of Cities and Boroughs in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament," hereinafter called the said last-mentioned Act, "shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling-place."

And whereas it is further enacted by the said first-mentioned Act that no such petition as aforesaid shall be made by such Justices so assembled, unless a notice in writing shall have been delivered, one month at the least before the holding of such quarter sessions, to the Clerk of the Peace of the county, riding, part, or division wherein the same are held, signed by two Justices of the Peace for such county, riding, part, or division, and residing therein, or by ten inhabitants, being registered voters for such county, riding, part, or division, which notice shall state that the Court will, when such sessions are held, be moved to make such petition, nor unless the