

drawn up the present Declaration, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done in duplicate, at Paris, the 10th day of October, 1879.

(L.S.) F. O. ADAMS.
(L.S.) WADDINGTON.

présente Déclaration, et y ont apposé le cachet de leurs armes.

Fait à Paris, en double exemplaire, le 10 Octobre, 1879.

(L.S.) F. O. ADAMS.
(L.S.) WADDINGTON.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine: 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 Friday, the nineteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, this twenty-eighth day of *October*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and in the forty-third year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 28th day of *October*, 1879.

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 Saturday, the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine; 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.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 28th day of *October*, 1879.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 25th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to issue Commissions to the Officers of Her Majesty's Land Forces and Royal Marines, and to Adjutants and Quartermasters of the Militia and Volunteer Forces without affixing Her Royal Sign Manual thereto," after setting forth therein that every Officer appointed or promoted by Her Majesty in Her Land Forces or Marines, and every Adjutant or Quartermaster in Her Militia or Volunteer Forces, receives a Commission from Her Majesty with Her Royal Sign Manual thereon, and that it was expedient to regulate from time to time the mode of authenticating the said Commissions granted by Her Majesty, it was enacted, that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, from time to time, as occasion might require, to direct that all or any Commissions for Officers prepared or to be prepared under the authority of Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual might be afterwards issued without Her Royal Sign Manual, but having thereon, in the case of Her Majesty's Land Forces, except as hereafter mentioned, the signatures of the Commander-in-

Chief or the General Commanding in Chief and of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and in the case of the Royal Marines, of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and in the case of Military Chaplains, Commissariat and Store Officers, and of Adjutants and Quartermasters in the Militia and Volunteer Forces, of one of Her Majesty's said Principal Secretaries; and that every such Commission issued and signed in pursuance of such Order in Council should be conclusive evidence that the officers named in any such Commission had been appointed or promoted by Her Majesty to the rank or office named therein;

And whereas by the Regulations of the Forces Act, 1871, it was amongst other things enacted that, after a day to be named by Orders in Council, all "Officers in the Militia, Yeomanry and Volunteers of England, Scotland, and Ireland, shall hold Commissions from Her Majesty, and that such Commissions shall be prepared, authorized, and issued in the manner in which Commissions of Officers in Her Majesty's Land Forces are prepared, authorized, and issued according to law or custom for the time being in force." And whereas by two several Orders in Council made in pursuance of the first recited Act, and bearing date respectively the 7th day of June, 1862, and the 12th day of March, 1866, directions were given as to the issuing and signing of Commissions as are mentioned therein. And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, in pursuance of the provisions contained in the secondly recited Act, by an Order in Council, bearing date the 5th day of February 1872, to declare that after the 31st day of March 1872, all "Officers in the Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers of England, Scotland, and Ireland should hold Commissions from Her Majesty, and such Commissions should be prepared, authorized, and issued in the manner in which Commissions of Officers in Her Majesty's Land Forces are prepared, authorized, and issued according to any law or custom for the time in force";

And whereas by another Order in Council, made in pursuance of the said first recited Act, and bearing date the 5th day of May 1873, directions were given as to the issuing and signing of certain Commissions, including therein Commissions in the Forms set forth in Schedule B to such Order annexed;

And whereas Her Majesty hath declared Her will and pleasure that any Permanent First Commissions, which, after the date of the last recited, and before the date of this Order, have been authorized under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, but have not been signed by Her Majesty, shall, notwithstanding the said Order of the 5th May 1873, be issued and signed in the Forms in Schedule B, annexed to that Order, under the provisions of the said Order of the 12th March 1866.

Now, therefore, in further pursuance of the said first recited Act, and in execution of the power thereby in Her Majesty in Council vested, Her Majesty is pleased, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order and hereby direct:—

1. That all such First Commissions to Perma-