

in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Saturday, the thirty-first day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday, the thirty-first day of October next.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 12th day of *August*, 1885.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by the 11th section of the Volunteer Act, 1863, it is amongst other things enacted that "Her Majesty in Council may, from time to time, declare what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an Efficient Volunteer by an Order in Council defining for that purpose the extent of attendance at drill to be given by the Volunteers and the course of instruction to be gone through by him, and the degree of proficiency in drill and instruction to be attained by him and his Corps, such proficiency to be judged of by the Inspecting Officer at the Annual Inspection of the Corps, or otherwise as by Order in Council is from time to time directed; and that the draft of any scheme to be from time to time submitted to Her Majesty in Council for approval under the present section shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament for one lunar month at least, either before or after, or partly before and partly after, the passing of this Act during the present or for the like period during any subsequent session of Parliament before such scheme receives the approval of Her Majesty in Council."

And whereas it is deemed expedient that the Order in Council bearing date the thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, declaring what is requisite to entitle a Volunteer to be deemed an Efficient Volunteer be varied so far as it relates to the Forms of Certificates of Efficiency annexed.

And whereas new Forms of Certificates of Efficiency to provide for the Engineer Volunteer Corps (Submarine Miners), and a new Form of Certificate of Efficiency to provide for the 1st Oxfordshire (Oxford University) Rifle Volunteer Corps, 2nd Cambridgeshire (Cambridge University) Rifle Volunteer Corps, and 2nd Bucks (Eton College) Rifle Volunteer Corps, and a new Form of Certificate of Efficiency to provide for the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, were, on or before the twenty-fifth June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, laid before both Houses of Parliament in the words mentioned and set forth in the schedule to this Order annexed, and, one lunar month having elapsed since that time, the said amendment of the said scheme hath this day been submitted to Her Majesty for Her approval thereof:

Now therefore, Her Majesty having this day taken the said amendment into consideration, doth, in pursuance and exercise of the power in Her Majesty by the said Act of Parliament in that behalf vested, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, hereby vary the Order in Council of the thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and doth declare Her Royal approval of the Forms of Certificates of Efficiency referred to.

*C. L. Peel.*

#### SCHEDULE.

Amendment of the Scheme relative to the Efficiency of Volunteers in force under Her Majesty's Order in Council dated thirty-first

July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, under the Volunteer Act, 1863.

To add the annexed Forms of Certificates of Efficiency to those at present in force alluded to in the first paragraph of the scheme in question:—

#### FORMS OF CERTIFICATES OF EFFICIENCY.

Army Form E. 616.

FOR ENGINEER VOLUNTEER CORPS (SUBMARINE MINERS).

Certificate of Efficiency for Captains and Subalterns.

*Infantry Drill.*

We hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ has been this day examined by us:

- a. That he is able to drill a Company in close order;
- b. That he is acquainted with the duties of commander of a guard, and with the proper mode of marching reliefs and posting sentries;
- c. That he is practically acquainted with the exercises for the Short Rifle (Manual and Firing); Also, that in his written answers to questions he has expressed himself with \*

Signature of Board of Examining Officers appointed by General Officer Commanding District, or formed in Regiment of Infantry to which the Officer may have been attached

Station \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Here insert "clearness" or "tolerable clearness," as the case may be.

#### ENGINEERING DUTIES.

1. We certify that \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ has attended the Annual Camping Practice of his Company, and that he has attended during the 12 months ending 31st October, 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Submarine mining drills of this Corps ordered by the Commanding Officer, each of such drills being of not less than one hour's duration.

2. \*That he has during the above period acquired a fair, practical, or very good knowledge of the subjects on the following list to the extent stated against each:—

- Rowing.
- Sculling.
- General handiness in boats.
- † Taking soundings.
- † Use of sextant.
- Knotting and splicing.
- Making grummets.
- Making fenders, pointing, &c.
- Bending thimbles to wire rope.
- Signalling—
  - a. With flags and lamps.
  - b. With lime light.
- † Reading Morse by sound.
- † Telephone.
- Crowning cables.
- Soldering and jointing cores.
- † Splicing cables.
- Laying out, picking up, and grappling cables.
- Loading mines.
- Connecting up mines.
- Making watertight joints.
- Lowering mines into boats.