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AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*,
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PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the twenty-fifth 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 Mariners, 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, or 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 Officer named in any such Commission had been appointed or promoted by Her Majesty to the rank or office named therein:

And whereas by the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, it was amongst other things enacted that, after a day to be named by Order 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 Her Majesty was pleased, in pursuance of the provisions contained in the secondly recited Act, by an Order in Council, bearing date the fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, to declare that after the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, 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 being in force:"

And whereas by Orders in Council, made in pursuance of the said first recited Act, and bearing date the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, the fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and the twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, directions were given as to the issuing and signing of certain Commissions, including therein Commissions in the Forms set forth in Schedule B. to the Order in Council bearing date fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, annexed:

And whereas Her Majesty hath declared Her will and pleasure that any permanent First Commissions to Officers of the Auxiliary Forces which, after the date of the last recited Order and before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, 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 fifth May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, be issued and shall be signed in the Forms in Schedule B. annexed to that Order under the provisions of this Order.

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 Permanent Rank as aforesaid granted to Officers of the Auxiliary Forces between the twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and the first