FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1897.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Saturday, the twenty-third day of October 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 Thursday, the second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, this thirteenth day of *October*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 13th day of October, 1897.

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 Friday, the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, 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.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WE do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim, direct, and ordain as follows :—

1. A Branch of Our Mint shall be established at or near Perth in Our Colony of Western Australia on such site as the Governor of the Colony in Council may approve.

2. Gold coins may be coined at the Branch Mint so established, and shall be of the same denominations, designs, weights, and fineness, and subject to the allowance of the same remedy, as gold coins coined at Our Mint in England.

3. The Master of Our Mint shall prepare and transmit dies for the Gold Coins to be coined at the Branch Mint at Perth.

4. The Gold Coins coined in pursuance of this Proclamation at the Branch Mint at Perth shall be deemed to have been issued from Our Mint, and shall be current and a legal tender in like manner and to the like extent as if they had been coined and issued in England.

5. (i.) If any person brings to the Branch Mint at Perth any Gold Bullion, the Deputy Master of that Branch shall assay Coin and deliver out the same to such person upon payment for every ounce Troy of gold of standard fineness, of a charge of three halfpence where the amount brought at one time does not exceed five hundred ounces, and of a penny in any other case, provided that—

(*a*) where the Gold Bullion so brought is such that it cannot be brought to the standard fineness of the coin to be coined thereout without refining the whole or some portion of it, the Deputy Master shall demand for assaying and refining the same such additional charge as the Governor in Council may from time to time fix, and until such charge is paid to him may refuse to receive, assay, or coin such bullion ; and

(*b*) where the Bullion brought to the Branch Mint for coinage is finer than the standard fineness of the coin to be coined thereout, there shall be delivered to the person bringing the same such additional amount of coin as is proportionate to such superior fineness ;

(*c*) no undue preference shall be shown to any person as respects the bullion brought to the Branch Mint, and every person shall have priority according to the time at which he brought it ;

(*d*) The Governor of Western Australia in Council may make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Article with respect to Gold Bullion, and the bringing, coining, and delivery out thereof, and in particular for regulating the time and conditions at and under which it is to be so brought, assayed, coined, and delivered out, and the minimum amount which may be so brought.

(ii.) The charges under this Article for coining, assaying, and refining shall be collected by the Deputy Master in accordance with the said regulations either as a payment in advance or as a deduction from the coin delivered out, or other-