

Imperial Assemblage, 1st January 1877

No. 286.

No. 70, dated India Office, London, 13th July 1876.

From—Secretary of State for India,
To—Government of India.

I FORWARD herewith, for the information of Your Excellency's Government, copy of the Queen's Proclamation notifying the assumption by Her Majesty of the title of "Empress of India."

2. This act on the part of Her Majesty is a formal and emphatic expression, for which it seemed to the Queen that the opportunity was eminently suitable, of the favorable sentiments which she has always entertained towards the Princes and people of India. I request that Your Excellency will proclaim throughout Her Majesty's Indian dominions, in a manner suitable to Her gracious intentions, the addition which has been made to the Royal Style and Titles.

No. 287.

A Proclamation by the Queen, dated Friday, 28th April 1876.

WHEREAS an Act has been passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to enable Her Most Gracious Majesty to make an addition to the Royal Style and Titles appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies," which Act recites that, by the Act for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland, it was provided that after such Union the Royal Style and Titles appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies should be such as His Majesty by His Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom should be pleased to appoint: and which Act also recites that, by virtue of the said Act, and of a Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal, dated the 1st day of January 1801, Our present Style and Titles are "Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith:" and which Act also recites that, by the Act for the better Government of India, it was enacted that the Government of India, theretofore vested in the East India Company in trust for Us, should become vested in Us, and that India should thenceforth be governed by Us and in Our name, and that it is expedient that there should be a recognition of the transfer of Government so made by means of an addition to be made to Our Style and Titles: And which Act, after the said recitals, enacts that it shall be lawful for Us, with a view to such recognition as aforesaid, of the transfer of the Government of India, by Our Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to make such addition to the Style and Titles at present appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies as to Us may seem meet: We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to appoint and declare, and We do hereby, by and with the said advice, appoint and declare that henceforth, so far as conveniently may be, on all occasions and in all instruments wherein Our Style and Titles are used, save and except all Charters, Commissions, Letters Patent, Grants, Writs, Appointments, and other like instruments, not extending in their operation beyond the United Kingdom, the following addition shall be made to the Style and Titles at present appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies; that is to say, in the Latin tongue in these words: *Indiæ Imperatrix.* And in the English tongue in these words: "Empress of India."

And Our will and pleasure further is, that the said addition shall not be made in the Commissions, Charters, Letters Patent, Grants, Writs, Appointments, and other like instruments, hereinbefore specially excepted.

And Our will and pleasure further is, that all gold, silver, and copper moneys, now current and lawful moneys of the United Kingdom, and all gold, silver, and copper moneys which shall, on or after this day, be coined by Our authority with the like impressions, shall, notwithstanding such addition to Our Style and Titles, be deemed and taken to be current and lawful moneys of the

said United Kingdom; and further that all moneys coined for and issued in any of the Dependencies of the said United Kingdom, and declared by Our Proclamation to be current and lawful money of such Dependencies, respectively bearing Our Style, or Titles, or any part or parts thereof, and all moneys which shall hereafter be coined and issued according to such Proclamation, shall, notwithstanding such addition, continue to be lawful and current money of such Dependencies respectively, until Our pleasure shall be further declared thereupon.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, the twenty-eighth day of *April*, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, in the thirty-ninth year of Our Reign

GOD save the QUEEN.

No. 288.

No. 1891P., dated Simla, 18th August 1876.

NOTIFICATION—By Government of India, Foreign Department.

PROCLAMATION.

As Viceroy and Govern-General of India, I hereby publish, for the information of the Governors, Administrators, Princes, Chiefs, Nobles, and Peoples of this Empire, the subjoined Act passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland on the twenty-seventh day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, together with a Royal Proclamation dated at the Court of Windsor the twenty-eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six in the thirty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign, transmitted to this Government by the Most Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India in His Lordship's despatch No. 70 of the 13th July 1876.

Moreover, I now publicly notify, under this my hand and seal, that it is my intention to hold at Delhi, on the 1st day of January 1877, an Imperial Assemblage, for the purpose of proclaiming to the Queen's subjects throughout India the gracious sentiments which have induced Her Majesty to make to Her Sovereign Style and Titles an addition specially intended to mark Her Majesty's interest in this great Dependency of Her Crown, and Her Royal confidence in the loyalty and affection of the Princes and Peoples of India.

To this Assemblage I propose to invite the Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and Heads of Administrations, from all parts of the Queen's Indian Dominions, as well as those Princes, Chiefs, and Nobles, in whose persons the antiquity of the past is associated with the prosperity of the present, and who so worthily contribute to the splendour and stability of this great Empire.

I shall forthwith issue such orders in Council as may be suitable to the historical importance of the occasion, and in conformity with the desire which will be felt by all Her Majesty's subjects in India to manifest the affection they cherish for their august Sovereign by public rejoicings and appropriate demonstrations of loyalty.

Dated at Simla this eighteenth day of August 1876.

(Sd.) LYTTON.

No. 289.

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An Act to enable Her Most Gracious Majesty to make an addition to the Royal Style and Titles appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies. [27th April 1876.]

(Transmitted in Secretary of State's Despatch No. 28 (Legislative) of 29th June 1876.)

WHEREAS by the Act for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the fortieth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, chapter sixty-seven, it was provided that after such Union as aforesaid the Royal Style and Titles apper-