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Proclamation.

By His Excellency, MAJOR FREDERICK CHIDLEY IRWIN, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Senior Military Officer in Command of Her Majesty's Forces within the Territory of Western Australia and its Dependencies, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the same, Sc., Sc.

THEREAS Her Majesty Queen Vic.

toria was graciously pleased by etters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, dated the Eighteenth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty five, to appoint His Excellency Andrew Clarke, Esquire, to be Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Ter ritory of Western Australia and its Depen dencies; And whereas Her said Majesty was further pleased, by the said Letters Patent, to signify Her Royal Will and Pleasure, that if upon the Death or Absence from the said Territory and its Dependencies of the said Andrew Clarke, Esq. there should be no person in the place commissioned and appointed to be Lieut. Governor of the same, or especially appointed to administer the Government, the Senior Executive Councillor should take upon him the administration of the Government and should execute the said Letters Patent and the Instructions under the Royal Sign Manual therewith given, and the several Powers and Authorities therein contained, in the same manner, and to all intents and purposes as other the Governor or Commander in Chief should or might do in case of the death or absence of the said Andrew Clarke, Esq. or in all cases, until Her Majesty's pleasure be known therein :

And whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself His Excellency the said Andrew Clarke, Esquire, who departed this life on the Eleventh day of February instant;

And whereas at a Meeting of the Executive Council held at the Council Chambers in Perth on the same day, His Excellency Major Frederick Chidley Irwin, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, being Senior Member of the Executive Council, took the several oaths mentioned in Her Majesty's said Letters Patent, before His Honor the Commissioner of the Civil Court and the said Executive Council; NOW therefore it is hereby proclaimed that immediately upon the said death of his Excellency the said Andrew Clarke, Esq., all and singular the powers and authorities given and granted to the said Andrew Clarke, Esq. and exercised by him as such Governor and Commander in Chief, is and over the said Ter ritory of Western Australia and its Dependencies, became and are vested in His Excellency Major Frederick Chidley Irwin Senior Executive Councillor, to be by him executed and enjoyed during Her Majesty's Royal Pleasure; And all Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other Inhabitants of the said Territory and its Dependencies, are hereby required and commanded to be obedient, aiding, and assisting, to His Excellency the said Major Frederick Chidley Irwin, accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Government House, Perth, this twelfth day of February, 1847. F. C. IRWIN, Governor, &c. By His Excellency's command, G. F. MOORE, Colonial Secretary. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !!!

> Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, February, 121847.

His Excellency the Governor, in announcing to the Colony the painful intelligence of the death of the late Governor Colonel Clarke, cannot refrain from expressing his deep sense of the heavy loss which the public service has sustained by this event; in which sentiment he feels assured that the Colony at large will fully participate.

The high moral and rligious principles of the deceased, and his anxious zeal for the best interests of the people committed to his charge, united to his great experience during a period of forty two years as a Military Officer and latterly as a Governor both in the West Indies and in this Colony, gave promise of the fullest blessings of a just and paternal administration.

By His Excellency's command, G. F. MOORE, Colonial Secretary,

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oaths mentioned in Her Majesty's said Letters Patent, before His Honor the Commissioner of the Civil Court and the said lency Andrew Clarke, Esquire, late Go

vernor and Commander in Chief of this Territory, who departed this life on the 11th instant, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon,—It is hereby notified that the Funeral of His Excellency the late Governor, will take place on Saturday next, the 13th instant, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

It is also notified that a mourning for a period of one month, to expire on the thirteenth day of March next, will be observed—the Officers of the Civil and Military Services wearing a band of Crape on the left arm.

By His Excellency's command, G. F. MOORE. Colonial Secretary.

> Colonial Secretary's Office, Perth, February 11, 1847.

His Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified for general information that H.M.C. schooner *Champion*, will sail for South Australia, on Wednesday the 17th instant.

By His Excellency's command, G. F. MOORE. Colonial Secretary, Commissariat Office, Perth February 9, 1847.

TENDERS will be received at this Office on Wednesday, the 24th instant, for sundry small repairs at the Officer's Quarters and Soldier's Barracks.

Also, for the supply of the following articles :---

6 Forms 1 Table.

For particulars application to be made to the Superintendent of Public Works.

W. H. DRAKE,

Asst. Com. General.

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