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AT the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 21st  
day of July, 1855

Present

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

His Royal Highness Prince Albert  
Lord Chancellor  
Lord President  
Marquis of Lansdowne  
Earl of Harrowby  
Viscount Palmerston

Viscount Canning  
Lord Panmure  
Sir George Grey, Bart.  
Mr Vernon Smith  
Sir Charles Wood, Bart.  
Sir William Molesworth, Bart.

WHEREAS a Petition has been addressed to Her Majesty by the Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Van Diemen's Land, in Council assembled, praying [DOCUMENT FIRST PAGE ENDS HERE] that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to proclaim that, in respect of the said Colony, the name of Tasmania be substituted for that of Van Diemen's Land: the prayer of which Petition Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant: And whereas in pursuance thereof there was this day read at the Board the Draft of a Proclamation substituting the name of Tasmania for that of Van Diemen's Land as the designation of the said Colony; Her Majesty having taken the same into consideration was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof; and to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said Proclamation do take effect and come into force upon the first day of January now next ensuing; [DOCUMENT SECOND PAGE ENDS HERE] and the Right Honourable Sir William Molesworth, Bart, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C.C. GREVILLE

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