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Buckingham-Palace, November 20, 1837.

THIS day Her Majesty proceeded in state from Buckingham-Palace to the House of Peers, where she arrived about two o'clock, and was received, on alighting from her state coach, by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Steward of the Household, the Lord Viscount Melbourne, Richmond Herald in the absence of Garter, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and proceeded to the robing-room in the customary manner.

Her Majesty was there robed, and the procession moved into the House in the usual order,—the imperial crown was borne by the Duke of Somerset, K. G. the sword of state was borne by the Lord Viscount Melbourne, and the cap of maintenance by the Earl of Shaftesbury, in the absence of the Marquess of Winchester.

Her Majesty being seated on the Throne, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, Sir Augustus Clifford, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to make and subscribe the declaration against transubstantiation pursuant to the Bill of rights, and afterwards to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:—

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I HAVE thought it right to assemble you for the transaction of public business at the earliest con-

venient period after the dissolution of the late Parliament.

It is with great satisfaction that I have received from all Foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition, and of their earnest desire to cultivate and maintain with Me, relations of Amity; and I rejoice in the prospect that I shall be able to promote the best interests of My subjects by securing to them the advantages of peace.

I lament that civil war still afflicts the Kingdom of Spain. I continue to execute with fidelity the engagements of My Crown with the Queen of Spain, according to the stipulations of the Treaty of Quadruple alliance.

I have directed a Treaty of Commerce which I have concluded with the Confederation of Peru and Bolivia to be laid before you, and I hope soon to be able to communicate to you similar results of My negotiations with other Powers.

I recommend to your serious consideration the state of the province of Lower Canada.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The demise of the Crown renders it necessary that a new provision should be made for the Civil List.

I place unreservedly at your disposal those hereditary revenues which were transferred to the public by My immediate predecessor; and I have commanded that such papers as may be necessary for the full examination of this subject shall be prepared and laid before you.

Desirous that the expenditure in this, as in every other department of the Government, should be kept within due limits, I feel confident that you will gladly make adequate provision for the support of the honour and dignity of My Crown.

The estimates for the service of the next year are in course of preparation, and will be laid before you at the accustomed period.

I have directed that the utmost economy should be enforced in every branch of the public expenditure.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The external peace and domestic tranquillity which at present happily prevail, are very favourable for the consideration of such measures of reformation and amendment as may be necessary or expedient; and your attention will naturally be directed to that course of legislation which was interrupted by the necessary dissolution of the last Parliament.

The result of the enquiries which have been made into the condition of the poor in Ireland has been already laid before Parliament, and it will be your duty to consult whether it may not be safe and wise to establish by law some well-regulated means of relief for the destitute in that country.

The municipal government of the cities and towns in Ireland calls for better regulation.

The Laws which govern the collection of the Tithe Composition in Ireland, require revision and amendment.

Convinced that the better and more effectual administration of justice is amongst the first duties of a Sovereign, I request your attention to those measures which will be submitted to you for the improvement of the law.

You cannot but be sensible of the deep importance of these questions which I have submitted to you, and of the necessity of treating them in that spirit of impartiality and justice which affords the best hope of bringing them to a happy and useful termination.