

Buckingham-Palace, January 16, 1840.

THIS day Her Majesty proceeded in state from Buckingham-Palace to the House of Peers, where she arrived soon after 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 Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Steward of the Household, the Lord Viscount Melbourne, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and proceeded to the robing-room in the customary manner.

Her Majesty was there robed, and, having put on the imperial crown, the procession moved into the House in the usual order;—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, Bart. 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 deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:—

My Lords and Gentlemen,

SINCE you were last assembled I have declared My intention of allying Myself in Marriage with the Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha. I humbly implore that the Divine blessing may prosper this union, and render it conducive to the interests of My people, as well as to My own domestic happiness; and it will be to Me a source of the most lively satisfaction to find the resolution I have taken, approved of by My Parliament.

The constant proofs which I have received of your attachment to My Person and Family, persuade Me that you will enable Me to provide for such an establishment as may appear suitable to the rank of the Prince and the dignity of the Crown.

I continue to receive from Foreign Powers assurances of their unabated desire to maintain with Me the most friendly relations.

I rejoice that the civil war, which had so long disturbed and desolated the northern provinces of Spain, has been brought to an end, by an arrangement satisfactory to the Spanish Government and to the people of those provinces; and I trust that ere long, peace and tranquillity will be re-established throughout the rest of Spain.

The affairs of the Levant have continued to occupy My most anxious attention. The concord which has prevailed amongst the five powers has prevented a renewal of hostilities in that quarter; and I hope that the same unanimity will bring these important and difficult matters to a final settlement, in such a manner as to uphold the integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire, and to give additional security to the peace of Europe.

I have not yet been enabled to re-establish My diplomatic relations with the Court of Teheran; but communications which I have lately received from the Persian Government inspire Me with the confident expectation that the differences which occasioned a suspension of those relations will soon be satisfactorily adjusted.

Events have happened in China which have occasioned an interruption of the Commercial intercourse of My subjects with that country. I have given, and shall continue to give, the most serious attention to a matter so deeply affecting the interests of My subjects, and the dignity of My Crown.

I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that the Military operations undertaken by the Governor-General of India have been attended with complete success; and in the expedition to the westward of the Indus the Officers and troops, both

European and Native, have displayed the most distinguished skill and valour.

I have directed that further papers relating to the affairs of Canada should be laid before you, and I confide to your wisdom this important subject.

I recommend to your early attention the state of the municipal corporations of Ireland.

It is desirable that you should prosecute those measures relating to the Established Church which have been recommended by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of England.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have directed estimates for the services of the year to be laid before you.

They have been framed with every attention to economy, and, at the same time, with a due regard to the efficiency of those establishments which are rendered necessary by the extent and circumstances of the Empire.

I have lost no time in carrying into effect the intentions of Parliament by the reduction of the duties on postage; and I trust that the beneficial effects of this measure will be felt throughout all classes of the community.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I learn, with great sorrow, that the commercial embarrassments which have taken place in this and other countries are subjecting many of the manufacturing districts to severe distress.

I have to acquaint you, with deep concern, that the spirit of insubordination has, in some parts of the Country, broken out into open violence, which was speedily repressed by the firmness and energy of the magistrates, and by the steadiness and good conduct of My troops.

I confidently rely upon the power of the law, upon your loyalty and wisdom, and upon the good sense and right feeling of My people, for the maintenance of order, the protection of property, and the promotion, as far as they can be promoted by human means, of the true interests of the Empire.

BANKRUPTS

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

George Finch, of Newbury, Berks, cabinet-maker and upholsterer.

Thomas Prichard, of Sidcup, Foot's Cray, Kent, surgeon.

Edward Scholefield, of Watling-street, London, warehouseman.

Rowland Yallop, of No. 77, Basinghall-street, London, scrivener.

Joseph Hudson, of Arthur-street West, London, livery stable-keeper, plumber and builder.

George Gingell, of West Smithfield, London, and of York street, York-road, Surrey, hay-salesman.

Richard Edwards, of Aston nigh Birmingham, Warwick, victualler.

Charles Perrier, of Nottingham, lace-manufacturer.

John Coates, of Manchester, Lancaster, merchant and drysalter.

Joseph Scott, of Manchester, Lancaster, paper-dealer.

Charles Leonard, of Sheffield, York, bacon factor.

WAR-OFFICE, January 17, 1840.

17th Regiment of Light Dragoons—Second Lieutenant William Oxenden Hammond, from the Rifle Brigade, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Willett, promoted.

5th Regiment of Foot—Lieutenant William Thomas Harvey, from the half-pay of the 80th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Clune, promoted. Second Lieutenant Louis H. Hamilton to be First Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Harvey, who retires. John Wallace Colquitt, gent. to be Second Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hamilton. All dated January 17, 1840.

17th—Ensign John Pennfather Perceval to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Brady, deceased; dated May 16, 1839. Gentleman Cadet Robert Portal, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign, vice Percival; dated January 17, 1840.

31st—Ensign Theophilus John Bourke to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Thomas, deceased; dated October 6, 1839. Ensign Joseph Greenwood to be Lieutenant, vice Bourke, whose promotion on the 25th October 1839 has been cancelled; dated October 27, 1839. Gentleman Cadet John Lucas Romulus Pollard, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign, vice Greenwood; dated January 17, 1840.

44th—Ensign Frederick Jenkins to be Lieutenant, without purchase, vice Mathias, deceased; dated August 16, 1839. Gentleman Cadet Honourable Percy Egerton Herbert, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign, vice Jenkins.

80th—Captain Samuel Lettsom to be Major, by purchase, vice Christie, who retires. Lieutenant Honourable William Anthony Skeffington Foster to be Captain, by purchase, vice Lettsom. Ensign Lambert Lyons Montgomery to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Foster. Hercules Atkin Welman, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Montgomery.

81st—Lieutenant William Henry Charles Wellesley to be Captain, by purchase, vice Taylor, appointed to the 85th Foot. Ensign Charles William Thompson to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Wellesley.

85th—Captain Brook Taylor, from the 81st Foot, to be Captain, vice O'Connor.

Rifle Brigade—John Mitchell Eugene Taylor Shadwell, gent. to be Second Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hammond promoted in the 17th Light Dragoons. All dated January 17, 1840.

GENERAL AVERAGE PRICES OF BRITISH CORN, per QUARTER,

Received in the Week ended January 10, 1840.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Peas.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
65 10.434	39 6.106	24 1.049	36 9.317	41 2.694	40 11.610

AGGREGATE AVERAGE OF SIX WEEKS, WHICH GOVERNS DUTY.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Peas.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
66 2	39 11	24 6	38 4	43 1	42 7

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

Computed from the Returns made in the Week ending the 14th day of January 1840,

Is Thirty-Eight Shillings and Five Pence per Hundred Weight,

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon on the Importation thereof into Great Britain.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,

Clerk of the Grocers' Company.

Grocers' Hall, January 17, 1840.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

THOMAS RENNIE, Brewer in Leith.

THOMAS STEVENSON, Merchant in Leith, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said Thomas Rennie, hereby intimates, that at a meeting of the Creditors on the said estate held at Leith on the 15th day of January current, Mr. Rennie submitted an offer of composition payable with security on all his just and lawful debts at the date of the sequestration, as also to pay the expenses and Trustee's commission, which offer was entertained by the Meeting as reasonable, and another Meeting was appointed to be held of the said Creditors, within the Chambers of Alexander Simson, Solicitor, 38, Bernard Street, Leith; on Monday the 10th day of February next, at two o'clock afternoon, for deciding on said offer of composition, with or without amendment.—Of which meeting notice is hereby given in terms of the Statute.

Leith, January 17, 1840.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

GEORGE WILSON, Flax Spinner and Dealer in Flax and Yarns at Haugh Mill, near Leven.

INTIMATION is hereby made, that a Petition has been presented to the Court of Session by James Aytoun, Flax Spinner, Linkton of Abbotshall, Kirkcaldy, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said George Wilson, for exoneration and discharge of his whole actings and intromissions as Trustee foresaid, and to get up his Bond of Caution; which Petition the Court, of this date, appointed to be intimated on the Walls and in the Minute-Book, and in the Edinburgh Gazette for fourteen days.

Edinburgh, January 17, 1840.