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BUCKINGHAM-PALACE, August 8, 1851.

THIS day Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Albert, 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, Sir Augustus Clifford, Bart. C.B. Deputy Great Chamberlain, (in the absence of the Lord Willoughby d'Eresby,) the Lord Steward of the Household, the Duke of Wellington, Garter King of Arms, and the Yeoman 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 sword of state was borne by the Duke of Wellington, the cap of maintenance by the Marquess of Winchester, and the crown by the Marquess of Lansdowne.

Her Majesty being seated on the Throne, and His Royal Highness Prince Albert on a Chair on the left side of the Cloth of Estate, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, James Pulman, Esquire, Ycoman 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,

I am glad to be able to release you from your attendance in Parliament, and thank you for the diligence with which you have performed your laborious duties.

I continue to maintain the most friendly relations with Foreign Powers.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the very considerable diminution which has taken place in the African and Brazilian Slave Trade. exertions of My squadron on the coasts of Africa and Brazil, assisted by the vigilance of the cruisers of France and the United States, and aided by the operations of the Brazilian Government, have mainly contributed to this result.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the readiness with which you have granted the supplies necessary for the service of the year.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is satisfactory to observe that, notwithstanding very large reductions of taxes, the Revenue for the past year considerably exceeded the public expenditure for the same period. I am rejoiced to find that you have thereby been enabled to relieve My people from an impost which restricted the enjoyments of light and air in their dwellings. that this enactment, with others to which your attention has been and will be directed, will contribute to the health and comfort of My subjects.

I thank you for the assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the consideration of a measure for the purpose of checking the undue assumption of the Ecclesiastical Titles conferred by a Foreign Power. It gives Me the highest satisfaction to find that while repelling unfounded claims, you have held inviolate the great principles of religious liberty so happily established amongst us.

The attention you have bestowed on the administration of justice in the Courts of Law and Equity, will I trust prove beneficial, and lead to further

improvement.

I have willingly given My consent to a bill relating to the Administration of the Land Revenues of the Crown, which will I hope con-duce to the better management of that department, and at the same time tend to the promotion of

works of public utility.
It has been very satisfactory to Me, on an occasion which has brought many Foreigners to the Country, to observe the spirit of kindness and goodwill which so freely prevails.

It is My anxious desire to promote among Nations the cultivation of all those Arts which are fostered by peace, and which in their turn contribute to maintain the peace of the World.

In closing the present Session, it is with feelings of gratitude to Almighty God that I acknowledge the general spirit of loyalty and willing obedience to the law which animate My people. Such a spirit is the best security at once for the progress

and the stability of our free and happy Institutions. Then the Lord Chancellor, by Her Majesty's

command, said

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the fourth day of September next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly proro-gued to Thursday the fourth day of September next.