

the high standard of the Judicial Bench, is a valuable boon conferred upon the community at large.

I hope that the measures which you have adopted for promoting extramural interment of the dead, and for improving the supply of water, may be found effectual for the remedy of evils, the existence of which has long been a reproach to this great Metropolis, and may conduce to the health and comfort of its inhabitants.

The extension of popular rights and legislative powers to My Subjects resident in the Colonies, is always to me an object of deep interest, and I trust that the Representative Institutions which, in concert with you, I have sanctioned for New Zealand, may promote the welfare and contentment of the population of that distant but most interesting Colony, and confirm their loyalty and attachment to My Crown.

It is My intention without delay to dissolve this present Parliament, and it is My earnest prayer that, in the exercise of the high functions which, according to our free Constitution, will devolve upon the several constituencies, they may be directed by an All-wise Providence to the selection of Representatives whose wisdom and patriotism may aid Me in My unceasing endeavours to sustain the honour and dignity of My Crown, to uphold the Protestant Institutions of the Country, and the Civil and Religious Liberty which is their natural result, to extend and improve the National Education, to develop and encourage Industry, Art, and Science, and to elevate the moral and social condition, and thereby promote the welfare and happiness, of My People.

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 Friday the Twentieth day of August next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday the Twentieth day of August next.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

*For Dissolving the present Parliament and Declaring the Calling of another.*

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament, which was this day prorogued, and stands prorogued to Friday the twentieth day of August next: We do for that end publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly; and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for shires and burghs, of the House of Commons are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said Friday the twentieth day of August next: and We, being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving subjects Our Royal will and pleasure to call a new Parliament: and do hereby further declare, that, with the advice of Our Privy Council, We have given order that Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain, and Our Chancellor of Ireland, do, respectively, upon notice thereof, forthwith issue out writs in due form,

and according to law, for calling a new Parliament: and We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under our Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, require writs forthwith to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellors respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, who are to serve in the said Parliament, to be duly returned to, and give their attendance in Our said Parliament; which writs are to be returnable on Friday the twentieth day of August next.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham-Palace, this first day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the sixteenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

*In order to the Electing and Summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland.*

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS We have in Our Council thought fit to declare Our pleasure for summoning and holding a Parliament of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland on Friday the twentieth day of August next ensuing the date hereof; in order therefore to the electing and summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland who are to sit in the House of Peers in the said Parliament, We do, by the advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood-house in Edinburgh, on Thursday the fifteenth day of July instant, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose the Sixteen Peers, to sit and vote in the House of Peers in the said ensuing Parliament, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers, and producing a mandate in writing, duly signed before witnesses, and both the constituent and proxy being qualified according to law), and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the names of the Sixteen Peers so elected, and to sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly command and require the Provost of Edinburgh, and all other the Magistrates of the said city, to take especial care to preserve the peace thereof during the time of the said Election, and to prevent all manner of riots, tumults, disorders, and violence whatsoever. And We strictly charge and command that this Our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market-Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns of Scotland, ten days at least before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such Election.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, this first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the sixteenth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.