

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

The Estimates for the ensuing year will in due time be laid before you.

The advancement of the Fine Arts and of Practical Science will be readily recognised by you as worthy of the attention of a great and enlightened Nation. I have directed that a comprehensive scheme shall be laid before you, having in view the promotion of these objects, towards which I invite your aid and co-operation.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

It gives Me pleasure to be enabled, by the blessing of Providence, to congratulate you on the generally improved condition of the Country, and especially of the Industrious Classes. If you should be of opinion that recent legislation, in contributing, with other causes, to this happy result, has at the same time inflicted unavoidable injury on certain important interests, I recommend you dispassionately to consider how far it may be practicable equitably to mitigate that injury, and to enable the industry of the Country to meet successfully that unrestricted competition to which Parliament, in its wisdom, has decided that it should be subjected.

I trust that the general improvement, notwithstanding many obstacles, has extended to Ireland; and while I rely with confidence on your aid, should it be required, to restrain that unhappy spirit of insubordination and turbulence which produces many, and aggravates all of the evils which afflict that portion of My Dominions, I recommend to you the adoption of such a liberal and generous policy towards Ireland as may encourage and assist her to rally from the depression in which she has been sunk by the sufferings of late years.

Anxious to promote the efficiency of every branch of our National Church, I have thought fit to issue a Commission to inquire, and report to Me, how far, in their opinion, the Capital Institutions of the Country are capable of being made more effective for the great objects of religious worship, religious education, and ecclesiastical discipline.

I have directed that the Reports of the Commissioners for inquiring into the system of education pursued at Oxford and Cambridge should be communicated to the governing bodies of those Universities for their consideration; and I rely upon your readiness to remove any legal difficulties which may impede the desire of the Universities at large, or of the several Colleges, to introduce such amendments into their existing system, as they may deem to be more in accordance with the requirements of the present time.

The system of secondary punishments has usefully occupied the labours of successive Parliaments, and I shall rejoice if you shall find it possible to devise means by which, without giving encouragement to crime, transportation to Van Diemen's Land may, at no distant period, be altogether discontinued.

The subject of Legal Reform continues to engage My anxious attention. The Acts passed in the last Session of Parliament have been followed up by the orders necessary for putting them into operation.

Inquiries are in progress, by My direction, with a view of bringing into harmony the testamentary jurisdiction of My several Courts, and bills will be submitted to you for effecting further improvements in the administration of the Law.

To these, and other measures affecting the social condition of the Country, I am persuaded that you will give your earnest and zealous attention; and I pray, that by the blessing of Almighty God, your deliberations may be guided to the well-being and happiness of My people.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace the 10th day of November 1852,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Most Honourable John Marquess of Winchester to be Lord Lieutenant of the county of Southampton, and of the town of Southampton, and county of the same, and also to appoint the Right Honourable William, Lord Bateman, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Hereford, their Lordships this day respectively took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

WHITEHALL, November 10, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, his Grace the Archbishop of York, John Winston Churchill, Esq. (commonly called Marquess of Blandford), the Right Honourable the Earl of Harrowby, The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London, the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Oxford, the Right Honourable Sir John Dodson, Knight, L.L.D., the Right Honourable Sir John Patteson, Knight, Sir William Page Wood, Knight, the Reverend Christopher Wordsworth, D.D., the Reverend Walter Farquhar Hook, D.D., the Reverend John Jackson, M.A., and the Reverend Edward Selwyn, M.A., to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for enquiring into the state of the Cathedral and Collegiate Churches in England and Wales, and matters connected therewith.

WHITEHALL, November 12, 1852.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint John Richard Lambert Walmisley, Esq. to be Captain in the Artillery Company of London.

#### FUNERAL OF FIELD-MARSHAL THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

*Earl Marshal's Office,*

1, Parliament Street, 11th November 1852.

Notice is hereby given, that the Funeral of the late Field-Marshal Arthur, Duke of Wellington, will be solemnized on Thursday next, the 18th instant, in St Paul's Cathedral.

Notice is also given, that the Tickets of Admission to the Cathedral for those Peeresses who have signified their intention of being present at the Solemnity, will be ready for delivery at this office, on Saturday next, the 13th instant, between the hours of ten o'clock A.M. and six o'clock P.M., on the production of written orders from the persons respectively entitled thereto.

The Tickets for all Privy Councillors under the degree of the Peerage, the Vice-Chancellors, the Barons of the Exchequer, the Justices of both Benches, the Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders and Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Her Majesty's Law Officers, who have signified their intention of being present

