

I rejoice to perceive that amendments in the administration of the law have continued to occupy your attention, and I anticipate great benefit from the improvements you have made in the forms of procedure in the Superior Courts of Common Law.

The means you have adopted for the better government of the University of Oxford, and the improvement in its constitution, I trust will tend greatly to increase the usefulness and to extend the renown of this great seminary of learning.

I have willingly given My assent to the measure you have passed for the prevention of bribery and of corrupt practices at elections; and I hope that it may prove effectual in the correction of an evil which, if unchecked, threatens to fix a deep stain upon our representative system.

It is My earnest desire that on returning to your respective counties you may preserve a spirit of union and concord. Deprived of the blessings of peace abroad it is more than ever necessary that we should endeavour to confirm and increase the advantages of our internal situation; and it is with the greatest satisfaction that I regard the progress of active industry, and the general prosperity which happily prevails throughout the Country.

Deeply sensible of these advantages, it is My humble prayer that we may continue to enjoy the favour of the Almighty; and that under His gracious protection we may be enabled to bring the present contest to a just and honourable termination.

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 Nineteenth day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Nineteenth day of October next.

WESTMINSTER, August 10, 1854.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *the Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to alter the mode of providing for certain expenses now charged upon certain branches of the Public Revenues and upon the Consolidated Fund.

An Act to make further provision for the burial of the dead in England beyond the limits of the metropolis.

An Act for better securing the collecting and accounting for the land tax, assessed taxes, and income tax, by the collectors thereof.

An Act to amend the laws for the better prevention of the sale of spirits by unlicensed persons, and for the suppression of illicit distillation in

An Act for the better care and reformation of offenders in Great Britain.

An Act for the valuation of lands and heritages in Scotland.

An Act to repeal the laws relating to usury and to the enrolment of annuities.

An Act to extend the provisions of the Acts for the augmentation of benefices.

An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties.

An Act to render valid certain marriages of British subjects in Mexico.

An Act to continue an Act of the eleventh year of Her present Majesty for the better prevention of crime and outrage in certain parts of Ireland.

An Act for allowing gold wares to be manufactured at a lower standard than that now allowed by law, and to amend the law relating to the assaying of gold and silver wares.

An Act to amend and extend the Acts for the inclosure, exchange, and improvement of land.

An Act to regulate the salaries of the parochial schoolmasters of Scotland.

An Act to provide for the establishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture, and the Fine Arts, for the care of a Public Library, and the erection of a Public Museum, in Dublin.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping.

An Act to make better provision for the paving, lighting, draining, cleansing, supplying with water, and regulation of towns in Ireland.

An Act for the exchange of the office in Somerset House of the Duchy of Cornwall for an office to be erected in Pimlico on the hereditary possessions of the Crown.

An Act to make better provision for the administration of the laws relating to the Public Health.

An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to bribery, treating, and undue influence at elections of Members of Parliament.

An Act to make further provision for the more speedy and efficient despatch of business in the High Court of Chancery.

An Act to continue and amend the Acts now in force relating to Friendly Societies.

WESTMINSTER, August 11, 1854.

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An Act to continue and amend the Metropolitan Sewers Acts.

An Act to afford greater facilities for the establishment of institutions for the promotion of Literature, and Science, and Fine Arts, and to provide for their better regulation.

An Act to amend the law relating to the administration of the estates of deceased persons.

An Act to extend the rights enjoyed by the graduates of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, in respect to the practice of Physic, to the graduates of the University of London.

