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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, August 14, 1855.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by Her Majesty to release you from further attendance in Parliament, and, at the same time, to express Her Majesty's warm acknowledgments for the zeal and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the discharge of your public duties during a long and laborious Session.

Her Majesty has seen, with great satisfaction, that while you have occupied yourselves with providing means for the vigorous prosecution of the war, you have given your attention to many measures of great public utility.

Her Majesty has great satisfaction at finding that the progress of events has tended to cement more firmly the alliance between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of the French,—an alliance founded upon a sense of the general interests of Europe, and which, consolidated by good faith, will long survive the events which gave it rise, and further the well-being and prosperity of both Countries.

The accession of the King of Sardinia to the Treaty between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French and the Sultan has given additional importance and strength to our alliance, and the efficient force which His Majesty has sent to the seat of war will not fail to sustain the bright reputation with which the Army of Sardinia has been ever distinguished.

Her Majesty has seen with satisfaction the measures you have adopted for giving effect to the Conventions by which, in conjunction with Her Ally the Emperor of the French, she has made arrangements for assisting the Sultan, by enabling him to maintain the efficiency of the Turkish Army.

Her Majesty, in assenting to the Bill for the Local Management of the Metropolis, trusts that the health and prosperity of this great City will thereby be promoted.

The abolition of the Stamp Duty on Newspapers will tend to diffuse useful information among the poorer class of Her Majesty's Subjects.

The principle of Limited Liability, which you have judiciously applied to Joint-stock Associations, will afford additional facilities for the employment of capital; and the improvements you have made in the law relating to Friendly Societies will encourage habits of industry and foresight among the Labouring Classes.

Her Majesty trusts that the measures to which she has given her assent for improving the Constitution of New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, will be found beneficial to those Colonies, and by extending the principle of self-government, will tend to develop the great National resources and promote the happiness of the inhabitants.

Her Majesty commands us to say that she has been deeply gratified by the zeal which has been shown for the success of Her Majesty's arms, and by the sympathy for Her soldiers and sailors manifested through Her Indian and Colonial Empire; and Her Majesty acknowledges with great satisfaction the generous contributions which Her Subjects in India, and the loyal inhabitants of Her Colonies, have sent to relieve the sufferers by the calamities of war.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

Her Majesty commands us to convey to you Her cordial thanks for the readiness and zeal with which you have provided the necessary supplies for carrying on the war in which Her Majesty is engaged.

Her Majesty laments the burdens necessarily imposed upon Her People, but she acknowledges the wisdom with which you have alleviated the weight of those burdens by the arrangements you have made.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty has commanded us to say she has seen with sincere regret that the endeavours which, in conjunction with Her ally the Emperor of the French, she made in the recent Conferences at Vienna to bring the war to a close upon conditions consistent with the honour of Her Allies and the future security of Europe, have proved ineffectual but those endeavours having failed, no other course is left to Her Majesty but to prosecute the war with all possible vigour. And Her Majesty, relying on the support of Her Parliament, the many

