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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 the warm acknowledgments of Her Majesty 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 in providing means for the vigorous prosecution of the war, you have given your attention to many measures of great public utility. Her Majesty is convinced that you will share Her satisfaction at finding that the progress of events has tended to cement more firmly that union which has so happily been established between Her Government and that of Her Ally the Emperor of the French; and Her Majesty trusts that an alliance, founded on a sense of the general interests of Europe, and consolidated by good faith, will long survive the events which have given rise to it, and will contribute to the permanent well-being and prosperity of the two great Nations whom it has linked in the bonds of honourable friendship.

The accession of the King of Sardinia to the Treaty between Her Majesty, the Emperor of the French, and the Sultan, has given additional importance and strength to that alliance, and the efficient force which His Sardinian Majesty has sent to the seat of war to co-operate with the Allied Armies, will not fail to maintain the high reputation by which the Army of Sardinia has ever been distinguished.

Her Majesty has commanded us to thank you for having enabled Her to avail Herself, as far as has been found to be required, of those patriotic offers of extended service which she has received from the Militia of the United Kingdom, and for the means of reinforcing Her brave Army in the Crimea by an enlistment of volunteers from abroad.

Her Majesty acknowledges with satisfaction the measure which you have adopted for giving effect to the Convention by which, in conjunction with Her Ally the Emperor of the French, she has made arrangements for assisting the Sultan, to provide the means which are necessary to enable Him

to maintain in efficiency the Turkish Army which has so gallantly withstood the assaults of its enemies.

Her Majesty, in giving Her Assent to the Bill which you presented to Her for the Local Management of the Metropolis, trusts that arrangements provided by that measure will lead to many improvements conducive to the convenience and health of this great city. The abolition of the duty on newspapers will tend to diffuse useful information among the poorer classes 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 which you have made in the laws which regulate Friendly Societies will encourage habits of industry and thrift among the labouring classes of the community.

Her Majesty trusts that the measures to which she has given her assent for improving the Constitution of New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, and for bestowing on the important and flourishing Colonies of Australia extended powers of self-government, will assist the development of their great natural resources, and will promote the contentment and happiness of their inhabitants.

Her Majesty commands us to say that she has been deeply gratified by the zeal for the success of Her Majesty's arms, and by the sympathy for Her soldiers and sailors manifested throughout Her Indian and Colonial Empire; and Her Majesty acknowledges with great satisfaction the generous contributions which Her Subjects in India, and the Legislatures and inhabitants of the Colonies, have sent for the relief of sufferers by the casualties 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 burthens and sacrifices which it has become necessary to impose upon Her faithful People, but she acknowledges the wisdom with which you have alleviated the weight of those burthens by the mixed arrangements which you have made for providing those supplies

