

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

Her Majesty has commanded us to say that she has seen with sincere regret that the endeavours which, in conjunction with Her Ally the Emperor of the French, she made at the recent Conferences at Vienna to bring the war to a conclusion on conditions consistent with the honour of the Allies and with 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 upon the support of Her Parliament, upon the manly spirit and patriotism of Her People, upon the never-failing courage of Her Army and Her Navy, whose patience under suffering and whose power of endurance Her Majesty has witnessed with admiration, upon the steadfast fidelity of Her Allies, and, above all, upon the justice of Her cause, humbly puts Her trust in the Almighty Disposer of events for such an issue to this great contest as will secure to Europe the blessings of a firm and lasting peace.

On your return to your several counties you will have duties to perform little less important than those which belong to your attendance in Parliament. Her Majesty trusts that your powerful influence will be exerted for the welfare and happiness of Her People, the promotion of which is the object of Her Majesty's constant care, and the anxious desire of Her heart.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read, after which the Lord Chancellor said:—

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal to us and other Lords directed, and now read, We do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the 23d day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 23d day of October next.

WESTMINSTER, August 14, 1855.

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 supply a sum out of the consolidated fund and the surplus of ways and means, to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

An Act for raising the sum of seven millions by Exchequer Bills and Exchequer Bonds, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

An Act for the amendment and consolidation of the Customs Tariff Acts.

An Act to consolidate certain Acts and otherwise amend the laws of the customs, and an Act to regulate the office of the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster.

An Act to impose increased rates of duty of excise on spirits distilled in the United Kingdom,

to allow malt, sugar, and molasses to be used duty free in the distilling of spirits, in lieu of allowances and drawbacks on such spirits, sugar, and molasses respectively, and to amend the laws relating to the duties of excise.

An Act to enable Her Majesty to carry into effect a convention made between Her Majesty, His Majesty the Emperor of the French, and His Imperial Majesty the Sultan.

An Act to provide for the performance of certain duties of the Speaker during his temporary absence from the House of Commons.

An Act to abolish certain payments charged on the consolidated fund, in favour of the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, and of certain Professors in the said College; and to repeal the stamp duties payable on matriculations and degrees in the University of Dublin.

An Act to facilitate the erection of dwelling-houses for the working-classes in Scotland.

An Act for securing the liberty of religious worship.

An Act for carrying into effect the engagements between Her Majesty and certain Chiefs of the Sherbro Country, near Sierra Leone, in Africa, for the more effectual suppression of the Slave Trade.

An Act to amend the Act for the better care and reformation of youthful offenders, and the Act to render reformatory and industrial schools in Scotland more available for the benefit of vagrant children.

An Act for the payment of costs in proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the revenue, and for the amendment of the procedure and practice in Crown suits in the Court of Exchequer.

An Act to facilitate the erection and maintenance of Colonial lighthouses, and otherwise to amend "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

An Act to continue certain Acts for regulating turnpike-roads in Ireland.

An Act to amend the law concerning the qualification of officers of the militia.

An Act for the more effectual execution of the Convention between Her Majesty and the French Government concerning the fisheries in the seas between the British Islands and France.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to provide additional offices for the public service in or near Downing Street, Westminster.

An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain.

An Act to amend an Act of the last session of Parliament relating to the sale of spirits by unlicensed persons and illicit distillation in Ireland; and also to repeal so much of an Act of the third and fourth years of His late Majesty as requires persons applying for licences for the sale of beer, cider, or spirits by retail, in Ireland, to enter into a bond with sureties.

An Act to confirm certain provisional orders made under an Act of the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty, to facilitate arrangements for the relief of turnpike trusts.

An Act to amend "The Lunatic Asylum Act, 1853," and the Act passed in the ninth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty for the regulation of the cure and treatment of lunatics.

An Act to suspend the making of lists and the ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom.

An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the Treasury to make arrangements concerning a certain loan advanced by way of relief to the Island of Tobago.

An Act to amend the law for the inspection of coal mines in Great Britain.