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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, July 29, 1856.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

“We are called by Her Majesty to release you from further attendance in Parliament, and at the same time to express to you Her warm acknowledgments for the zeal and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the discharge of your public duties during the Session.

“When Her Majesty met you in Parliament at the opening of the Session, Her Majesty was engaged, in co-operation with Her Allies the Emperor of the French, the King of Sardinia, and the Sultan, in an arduous War, having for its object matters of high European importance, and Her Majesty appealed to your loyalty and patriotism for the necessary means to carry on that War with the energy and vigour essential to success. You answered nobly the appeal then made to you, and Her Majesty was enabled to prepare for the operations of the expected campaign naval and military forces worthy of the power and reputation of this Country.

“Happily it became unnecessary to apply those forces to the purpose for which they had been destined. A Treaty was concluded by which the object for which the War had been undertaken was fully attained, and an honourable Peace has saved Europe from the calamities of continued warfare. Her Majesty trusts that the benefits resulting from that peace will be extensive and permanent, and that while the friendships and alliances which were cemented by common exertion during the contest will gain strength by mutual interests in peace, those asperities which inherently belong to conflict will give place to the confidence and goodwill with which a faithful execution of engagements will inspire those who have learnt to respect each other as antagonists. Her Majesty commands us to thank you for your support in the hour of trial, and to express to you Her fervent hope that the prosperity of Her faithful people, which was not materially checked by the pressure of war, may continue and be increased by the genial influence of peace.

“Her Majesty is engaged in negotiations on the subject of questions in connection with the affairs of Central America, and Her Majesty hopes that the differences which have arisen on those matters

between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States, may be satisfactorily adjusted.

“We are commanded by Her Majesty to inform you that Her Majesty desires to avail Herself of this occasion to express the pleasure which it afforded Her to receive, during the war in which she has been engaged, numerous and honourable proofs of loyalty and public spirit from Her Majesty's Indian Territories, and from those Colonial Possessions which constitute so valuable and important a part of the dominions of Her Majesty's Crown.

“Her Majesty has given Her cordial assent to the Act for rendering more effectual the Police in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales. This Act will materially add to the security of person and property, and will thus afford increased encouragement to the exertions of honest industry.

Her Majesty rejoices to think that the Act for the improvement of the internal arrangements of the University of Cambridge will give fresh powers of usefulness to that ancient and renowned seat of learning.

The Act for Regulating Joint Stock Companies will afford additional facilities for the advantageous employment of capital, and will thus tend to promote the development of the resources of the Country; while the Acts passed relative to the mercantile laws of England and Scotland will diminish the inconvenience which the difference of those laws occasioned to Her Majesty's subjects engaged in trade.

“Her Majesty has seen with satisfaction that you have given your attention to the arrangements connected with the County Courts. It is Her Majesty's anxious wish that justice should be attainable by all classes of Her subjects with as much speed and with as little expense as may be consistent with the due investigation of the merits of causes to be tried.

“Her Majesty trusts that the Act for placing the Coast Guard under the direction of the Board of Admiralty will afford the groundwork for arrangements for providing in time of peace means applicable to National defence on the occasion of any future emergency.

“Gentlemen of the House of Commons.
“We are commanded by Her Majesty to thank you for the readiness with which you have granted the supplies for the present year.

