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### TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1859.

#### BUCKINGHAM PALACE, June 7, 1859.

THIS day Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, proceeded in State from Buckingham Palace to the House of Peers, where she arrived soon after two o'clock ; and was received on alighting from Her State Coach, by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President, the Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of Malmesbury, officiating for the Lord Great Chamberlain (the Lord Willoughby de Eresby), the Earl Marsbal, the Treasurer of the Household, Garter King of Arms, and the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, and proceeded to the State Robing-Room, in the customary manner.

Her Majesty was there robed, and the procession moved into the House in the usual order ;---the Crown was borne by the Duke of Richmond, K.G., the Sword of State by the Earl of Derby, and the Cap of Maintenance by the Marquess of Winchester.

Her Majesty being seated on the Throne, and His Royal Highness the Prince Consort on a Chair on the left side of the Cloth of Estate, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, James Pulman, Esq. Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their immediate attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament :

#### My Lords and Gentlemen,

I AVAIL Myself with satisfaction, in the present anxious state of Public Affairs, of the advice of My Parliament, which I have summoned to meet with the least possible delay.

I have directed that Papers shall be laid before you, from which you will learn how earnest and unceasing have been My endeavours to preserve the Peace of Europe.

Those endeavours have unhappily failed, and War has been declared between France and Sardinia on one side, and Austria on the other. Receiving Assurances of Friendship from both the contending Parties, I intend to maintain between them a strict and impartial Neutrality; and I hope, with God's assistance, to preserve to My People the blessings of continued Peace.

Considering, however, the present state of Europe, I have deemed it necessary, for the security of My Dominions, and the honour of My Crown, to increase My Naval Forces to an amount exceeding that which has been sanctioned by Parliament. I rely with confidence on your cordial concurrence in this precautionary measure of defensive policy.

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The King of the Two Sicilies having announced to me the death of the King his Father, and his own Accession, I have thought fit, in concert with The Emperor of the French, to renew my Diplomatic Intercourse with the Court of Naples, which had been suspended during the late reign.

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#### Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the year, for which provision has not been made by the late Parliament, will be immediately laid before you, together with such supplementary Estimates as present circumstances render indispensably necessary for the Public Service.

#### My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have directed a Bill to be prepared for giving effect, so far as the aid of Parliament may be required, to certain suggestions of the Commissioners whom I had appointed to inquire into the best mode of efficiently manning the Royal Navy, and I recommend this important subject to your immediate attention.

Measures of legal and social Improvement, the progress of which in the late Parliament was necessarily interrupted by the Dissolution, will again be brought under your consideration.

I should with pleasure give my sanction to any well-considered measure for the amendment of the Laws which regulate the Representation of My People in Parliament; and should you be of opinion that the necessity of giving your immediate attention to measures of urgency relating to the defence and financial condition of the Country will not leave you sufficient time for legislating with due deliberation during the present Session on a subject at once so difficult and so extensive, I trust that at the commencement of the next Session your earnest attention will be given to a question of which an early and satisfacter settlement would be greatly to the Public ary in settlement.

I feel assured that you will enter with Field and diligence on the discharge of your Parliamentary duties; and I pray that the result of deliberations may tend to secure to the Country the continuance of Peace abroad, and program Improvement at home.