

is not yet sensibly mitigated, alarm is subsiding, and the state of trade being sound, and the condition of the people generally prosperous, Her Majesty entertains a sanguine hope that confidence will soon be restored.

Her Majesty has observed with satisfaction, and with deep gratitude to Almighty God, that He has so far favoured the measures which have been adopted for staying the fearful pestilence which visited our herds and flocks, that its destructive effects have been in a great measure checked, and that there is reason to hope for its entire extinction at no distant period. In the meantime Her Majesty has given Her willing assent to a measure which has been introduced for the relief of those districts which have suffered the most severely from its visitation.

Her Majesty regrets that this Country has at length been subjected to the fearful visitation of Cholera which has prevailed in other European Countries, but from which it has hitherto been happily exempt. Her Majesty has directed that a Form of Prayer to Almighty God, suitable to the present exigency, should be offered up in all the Churches of this Realm; and Her Majesty has given Her cordial approval to legislative measures sanctioning the adoption, by local authorities, of such steps as science and experience have shown to be most effectual for the check of this fearful malady.

Her Majesty hopes that those in whose hands so large and beneficial an authority is left will not be slow to execute the powers entrusted to them, and that they will be seconded in their endeavours by all who have at heart the safety and well-being of Her People. In connexion with this subject Her Majesty hopes that a Bill, to which She has given Her ready assent, for Improving the Navigation of the River Thames, may incidentally be conducive to the public health.

Her Majesty has great satisfaction in congratulating the country, and the world at large, on the successful accomplishment of the great design of

connecting Europe and America by the means of an Electric Telegraph. It is hardly possible to anticipate the full extent of the benefits which may be conferred on the human race by this signal triumph of scientific enterprise; and Her Majesty has pleasure in expressing Her deep sense of what is due to the private energy which, in spite of repeated failure and discouragement, has at length, for the second time, succeeded in establishing direct communication between the Two Continents. Her Majesty trusts that no impediment may occur to interrupt the success of this great undertaking, calculated, as it undoubtedly is, to cement yet closer the ties which bind Her Majesty's North American Colonies to their Mother Country, and to promote the unrestricted intercourse and friendly feeling which it is most desirable should subsist between Her Majesty's Dominions and the great Republic of the United States.

Her Majesty is aware that, in returning to your respective homes, many of you have duties to perform hardly less important than those which belong to you in your legislative capacity. Her Majesty places full reliance on the loyalty and devotion with which you will discharge those duties; and Her Majesty earnestly prays that your influence and efforts may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, tend to the general welfare, prosperity, and contentment of Her People.

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 Thursday the Twenty-Fifth day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-Fifth day of October next.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
the 9th day of August 1866.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council, that His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury do prepare a Form of Prayer to Almighty God, for Relief from the Plague now existing amongst Cattle, and for Protection against the Cholera; and that such Form of Prayer be used in all churches and chapels in England and Wales, and in the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Sunday the twelfth day of August instant, and whenever Divine Service is celebrated during the prevalence of the Cholera, and of Cattle Plague in this country, instead of the Prayer now used for Relief from the Plague existing amongst Cattle, and for protection against the Cholera.

And it is hereby further ordered, that Her Majesty's Printer do forthwith print a competent number of copies of the said Form of Prayer, in order that the same may be forthwith sent round, and used in the several churches and chapels in England and Wales, and in the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

EDMUND HARRISON.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
the 9th day of August 1866.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council, that all Ministers and Preachers, as well of the Established Church in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, as of the Episcopal Communion, protected and allowed by an Act, passed in the tenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Anne, chapter seven, do, at some time, during the exercise of Divine Service in their Churches, Congregations, or Assemblies, on Sunday the twelfth day of August instant, and subsequently during the exercise of Divine Service, while Cholera and Cattle Plague continue prevalent in this country, put up a Prayer to Almighty God for Relief from the Plague now existing amongst Cattle, and for protection against the Cholera.

EDMUND HARRISON.