

and Workshops will, I trust, still further secure the health and education of those who are employed in them.

I have had much pleasure in giving my assent to a measure relating to the Contagious Diseases of Cattle, which, by affording additional securities against the introduction and spread of those diseases, will tend to encourage the breeding of live stock in the country and to increase the supply of food to my people.

You have amended the Law as to Highways in a manner which cannot but improve their classification and management, and at the same time relieve inequalities in the burden of their maintenance.

I trust that advantage will be taken of the means which you have provided for dividing Bishoprics in the more populous districts of the country, and thus increasing the efficiency of the Church.

I anticipate the best results from the wise arrangements which you have made for the encouragement of intermediate education in Ireland.

The measure for amending and consolidating the Public Health Laws in that country is well calculated to promote the important object at which it aims.

The measure passed in regard to Roads and Bridges in Scotland and for the abolition of Tolls will greatly improve the management of highways in that part of the United Kingdom; while the Acts relating to Education and to Endowed Schools and Hospitals cannot fail to extend the benefits of education and improve the administration of charitable endowments in that country.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest on your recent labours and accompany you in the discharge of all your duties.

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 Saturday the second day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the second day of November next.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,  
the 14th day of August 1878.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has, under the provisions of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855, made a representation stating that he has received a copy of an Interlocutor of the Sheriff-Substitute of the County of Wigtown, finding

proved certain of the allegations contained in a Petition of two Members of the Parochial Board of the Parish of Portpatrick, viz., that the Burial Ground of the Parish of Portpatrick is overcrowded with human remains by continued and repeated interments in the same ground, to an extent contrary to decency:

And whereas in the said representation it is recommended that, from the time when a new Burial Ground is opened, burials in the said Burial Ground of the Parish of Portpatrick should be discontinued, subject to the qualification and exceptions (1) of heads of families at present living, who have a right of burial place in the existing old Churchyard; (2) unmarried persons now living, who have a right to any burying ground belonging to their parents; (3) persons claiming such a right of interment, and receiving licence therefor from one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State, under section 8 of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the 5th day of October next.

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order, or Notice thereof, be published in the Edinburgh Gazette, and that Copies of this Order, or Notice thereof, be affixed, as required by the above-mentioned Act, on the doors of the Church of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the Parish affected by such representation, one month before such representation is so considered.

C. L. PEEL.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,  
the 14th day of August 1878.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Parliament be prorogued from Friday the sixteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, to Saturday the second day of November one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight; and that the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain do cause a Commission to be prepared and issued in the usual manner for proroguing the Parliament accordingly.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,  
the 14th day of August 1878.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Convocations of the Provinces