

you have pursued will be rewarded with the happy results which are so much to be desired.

Justice has been administered with greater efficacy; and the intimidation, which has been employed to deter occupiers of land from fulfilling their obligations, and from availing themselves of the Act of last Session, shows upon the whole a diminished force.

My efforts, through the bounty of Providence, have been favoured by the abundance of the harvest in that portion of the United Kingdom.

In addition to a vigorous exertion of the provisions of the ordinary law, I have not hesitated, under the painful necessity of the case, to employ largely the exceptional powers entrusted to me for the protection of life and property by two Acts of the last Session.

You will be invited to deal with proposals for the establishment in the English and Welsh Counties of Local Self-Government, which has so long been enjoyed by the towns; together with enlarged powers of administration, and with financial changes which will give you an opportunity of considering, both as to town and country, what may be the proper extent, and the most equitable and provident form, of contribution from Imperial taxes in relief of local charges.

These proposals, in so far as they are financial, will apply to the whole of Great Britain. It will be necessary to reserve the case of Ireland for a separate consideration.

In connection with the general subject of local administration, I have directed a measure to be prepared and submitted to you for the reform of the ancient and distinguished Corporation of London, and the extension of Municipal Government to the Metropolis at large.

Bills will again be laid before you with which, during the last Session, notwithstanding the length of its duration and your unwearied labours, it was found impossible to proceed. I refer particularly to those concerning Bankruptcy, the repression of Corrupt Practices at Elections, and the Conservancy of Rivers and Prevention of Floods.

Measures will also be proposed to you with respect to a Criminal Code and to the Consolidation and Amendment of the Laws affecting Patents.

The interests of some portions of the United Kingdom have suffered peculiarly of late years from the extreme pressure of the public business on your time and strength; but I trust that, during this Session, you may be able to consider Bills which will be presented to you in relation to the Law of Entail and to Educational Endowments in Scotland, and to improved means of Education in Wales.

I commend these and other subjects with confidence to your care; and it is my earnest prayer that your wisdom and energy may, under the blessing of God, prove equal to the varied and increasing needs of this extended Empire.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST. JAMES'S
PALACE, January 31, 1882.

NOTICE is hereby given that The Queen will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace, on Friday the 17th of February, and on Wednesday the 1st of March, at three o'clock.

N.B.—The Knights of the several Orders are to appear in their Collars at the Drawing Room on the 1st of March, it being a Collar-Day.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, ST. JAMES'S
PALACE, January 31, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales will, by command of The Queen, hold Levees at St. James's Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, on Thursday the 23d of February, and on Thursday the 9th of March, at two o'clock.

It is The Queen's pleasure that Presentations to His Royal Highness at the Levees shall be considered as equivalent to Presentations to Her Majesty.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
February 6, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed on and after Saturday next, the 11th instant, until further orders.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
the 6th day of February 1882.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day Lord Justice Holker was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

WHITEHALL, February 6, 1882.

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom unto the Right Honourable Sir George William Wilshere Bramwell, Knt., late a Lord Justice of Appeal, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Baron Bramwell, of Hever, in the County of Kent.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, February 6, 1882.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Reverend James John Hornby, D.D., Head Master of Eton College, to be one of Her Majesty's Honorary Chaplains.

FOREIGN OFFICE, January 1, 1882.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Percy Sanderson, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Galatz, to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for the Kingdom of Roumania, to reside at Galatz, and Her Majesty's Commissioner for carrying out the arrangements respecting the Navigation of the Danube.