

now been accomplished, I am in communication with the Queen of Spain, with a view to withdraw the naval force which, in pursuance of those engagements, I have hitherto stationed on the northern coast of Spain.

I am happy to inform you that the differences with the Government of Naples, the grounds and causes of which have been laid before you, have been put into a train of adjustment by the friendly mediation of the King of the French.

I rejoice also to acquaint you that the Government of Portugal has made arrangements for satisfying certain just claims of some of My subjects, and for the payment of a sum due to this country under the stipulations of the Convention of 1827.

I am engaged, in concert with the Emperor of Austria, the King of Prussia, the Emperor of Russia, and the Sultan, in measures intended to effect the permanent pacification of the Levant, to maintain the integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire, and thereby to afford additional security to the peace of Europe.

The violent injuries inflicted upon some of My subjects by the officers of the Emperor of China, and the indignities offered to an Agent of My Crown, have compelled Me to send to the coast of China a naval and military force for the purpose of demanding reparation and redress.

I have gladly given My Assent to the Act for the regulation of municipal corporations in Ireland.

I trust that the law which you have framed for further carrying into effect the reports of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners will have the beneficial effect of increasing the efficiency of the Established Church, and of better providing for the religious instruction of My people.

I have observed with much satisfaction the result of your deliberations on the subject of Canada. It will be My duty to execute the measures which you have adopted in such a manner as, without impairing the executive authority, may satisfy the just wishes of My subjects, and provide for the permanent welfare and security of My North American provinces.

The Legislative Bodies of Jamaica have applied themselves to the preparation of laws, rendered necessary or expedient by the altered state of society. Some of these laws require revision and amendment; but I have every reason to expect cordial assistance from the Assembly of Jamaica in the salutary work of improving the condition and elevat-

ing the character of the inhabitants of that colony. The conduct of the emancipated negroes throughout the West Indies has been remarkable for tranquil obedience to the law, and a peaceable demeanour in all the relations of social life.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the service of the year.

I lament that it should have been necessary to impose additional burthens upon My people; but I trust that the means which you have adopted for the purpose of meeting the exigencies of the public service, are calculated to press with as little severity as possible upon all classes of the community.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

In returning to your respective counties you will resume those duties which you perform so much to the public benefit and advantage. It is My anxious desire to maintain tranquillity at home and peace abroad. To these objects, so essential to the interests of this country, and to the general welfare of mankind, My efforts will be sincerely and unremittingly directed; and, feeling assured of your co-operation and support, I humbly rely upon the superintending care and continued protection of Divine Providence.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by Her Majesty's command, said:

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the 8th day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 8th day of October next.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 10th day of *August* 1840,

PRESENT:

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Earl of Lovelace to be Lord Lieutenant of the county of Surrey, his Lordship this day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.