

vochsafed to me commands my heartfelt gratitude, and with pleasure I repeat the assurance, that to promote the happiness of my subjects, and to preserve inviolate their civil and religious privileges is the first object of my care, and I trust that it will be the glory of my reign."

*Buckingham-Palace, June 29, 1842.*

This day Alli Ben Nassur, Envoy on a special mission from the Imaum of Muscat, had audience of Her Majesty to deliver his credentials :

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Aberdeen, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Sir Robert Chester, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

*Westminster, June 30, 1842.*

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read* ; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to continue, until the fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, compositions for assessed taxes, and to amend the laws relating to the land and assessed taxes.

An Act for carrying into effect the treaty between Her Majesty and the Argentine Confederation for the abolition of the slave trade.

An Act for carrying into effect a convention between Her Majesty and the Republic of Hayti for the more effectual suppression of the slave trade.

An Act for better and more effectually carrying into effect treaties and conventions with foreign states for suppressing the slave trade.

An Act to define the jurisdiction of justices in general and quarter sessions of the peace.

An Act to amend the law relating to advances bonâ fide made to agents intrusted with goods.

An Act for the maintaining and better regulating of the Stockton and Hartlepool Railway, and for incorporating the proprietors thereof.

An Act for extending and enlarging some of the provisions of an Act relating to the Thames Haven Dock and Railway.

An Act to amend, alter, and enlarge the powers and provisions of an Act for paving, lighting, cleansing, watching, watering, and improving the town and borough of Sudbury, in the county of Suffolk.

An Act for the administration of the laws relating to the poor in the parish of Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster.

An Act for constructing a low water pier and necessary works at Burntisland, in the county of Fife, and establishing a ferry between the same and Granton, in the county of Edinburgh, and for improving the communication between the said pier and Kinghorn.

An Act to amend an Act, passed in the first and second years of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, for repairing the road from the town of Athy, in the county of Kildare, through the town of Castlecomer, in the county of Kilkenny, to the city of Kilkenny, and from the town of Castlecomer to the town of Leighlin-bridge, in the county of Carlow, and from the town of Carlow to the said town of Castlecomer, so far as relates to the second division of the said road.

An Act for repairing and improving the road from Tadcaster to Otley, in the west riding of the county of York.

An Act for repairing and maintaining several roads leading from the town of Bromyard, in the county of Hereford, and other roads adjoining thereto, in the said county of Worcester, and for making several new lines of road connected therewith, in the same counties.

An Act for repairing the several roads leading to and from the market-house in Stourbridge, in the county of Worcester, and several other roads connected with the said roads, in the counties of Worcester, Stafford, and Salop.

And five private Acts.

*Martis, 28<sup>o</sup> die Junii 1842.*

Whereas, at the last election for the borough of Athlone, Daniel Henry Ferrall, Esq. was returned a Member to serve in Parliament for the said borough ;

And whereas two petitions, complaining of an undue election and return for the said borough, have been presented to the House of Commons ;

And whereas the said House has been informed, by a declaration in writing, subscribed by the said D. H. Ferrall, Esq. and delivered to me, that it is not his intention to defend his said election or return :

Now I do hereby give this notice thereof, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled " An Act to amend the law for the trial " of controverted elections."

Given under my hand this 28th day of June 1842,

CHARLES SHAW LEFÈVRE, Speaker.