

An Act to amend an Act, of the third and fourth years of Her present Majesty, for the regulation of municipal corporations in Ireland.

An Act for the better protection of property in the borough of Liverpool from fire.

An Act to enlarge the powers granted by an Act, of the fourth year of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for granting certain powers to the British Iron Company," and to facilitate the sale of the estates and properties belonging to the said company.

And one private Act.

After which Her Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament :

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

THE state of public business enables me to close this protracted session, and to release you from further attendance on your parliamentary duties.

I thank you for the measures you have adopted for enabling me to give full effect to the several Treaties which I have concluded with Foreign Powers.

I have given my cordial assent to the Bill which you presented to me for increasing the means of spiritual instruction in populous parishes, by making a portion of the revenues of the Church available for the endowment of additional ministers.

I confidently trust that the wise and benevolent intentions of the Legislature will be aided by the zeal and liberality of my subjects, and that better provision will thus be made for public worship and for pastoral superintendence in many districts of the country.

I view with satisfaction the passing of the Act for removing doubts respecting the jurisdiction of the Church of Scotland in the admission of ministers, and for securing to the people and to the Courts of the Church the full exercise of their respective rights."

It is my earnest hope that this measure will tend to restore religious peace in Scotland, and to avert the dangers which have threatened a sacred institution of the utmost importance to the happiness and welfare of that part of my dominions.

I continue to receive from all Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly disposition, and of their earnest desire for the maintenance of peace.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the readiness and liberality with which you have voted the supplies for the current year. It will be my constant object to combine a strict regard to economy with the consideration which is due to the exigencies of the public service.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

In some districts of Wales the public peace has been interrupted by lawless combinations and disturbances unconnected with political causes.

I have adopted the measures which I deemed best calculated for the repression of outrage, and for the detection and punishment of the offenders.

I have at the same directed an inquiry to be made into the circumstances which have led to insubordination and violence in a part of the country usually distinguished for good order and willing obedience to the law.

I have observed with the deepest concern the persevering efforts which are made to stir up discontent and disaffection among my subjects in Ireland, and to excite them to demand a repeal of the legislative union.

It has been, and ever will be, my earnest desire to administer the Government of that country in a spirit of strict justice and impartiality, and to co-operate with Parliament in effecting such amendments of existing laws as may tend to improve the social condition and to develop the natural resources of Ireland.

From a sincere conviction that the legislative union is not less essential to the attainment of these objects than to the strength and stability of the empire, it is my firm determination, with your support, and under the blessing of Divine Providence, to maintain inviolate that great bond of connection between the two countries.

I have forborne from requiring any additional powers for the counteraction of designs hostile to the concord and welfare of my dominions, as well from my unwillingness to distrust the efficacy of the ordinary law, as from my reliance on the good sense and patriotism of my people, and on the solemn declarations of Parliament in support of the legislative union.

I feel assured that those of my faithful subjects who have influence and authority in Ireland will discourage to the utmost of their power a system