

I have witnessed with peculiar satisfaction the unremitting attention which you have bestowed on the measures recommended by me to your consideration at the commencement of the session, for improving and extending the means of academical education in Ireland.

You may rely upon my determination to carry those measures into execution in the manner best calculated to inspire confidence in the institutions which have received your sanction, and to give effect to your earnest desire to promote the welfare of that part of my dominions.

From all Foreign Powers, I continue to receive assurances of their friendly disposition towards this country.

The Convention which I have recently concluded with the King of the French, for the more effectual suppression of the slave-trade, will, I trust, by establishing a cordial and active co-operation between the Two Powers, afford a better prospect than has hitherto existed of complete success in the attainment of an object for which this country has made so many sacrifices.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the liberality with which you have voted the supplies for the service of the current year.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

On your return to your several counties, duties will devolve upon you scarcely less important than those from the performance of which I now relieve you.

I feel assured that you will promote and confirm, by your influence and example, that spirit of loyalty and contentment which you will find generally prevalent throughout the country.

In the discharge of all the functions intrusted to you for the public welfare, you may confidently rely on my cordial support; and I implore the blessing of Divine Providence on our united efforts to encourage the industry and increase the comforts of my people, and to inculcate those religious and moral principles which are the surest foundation of our security and happiness.

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

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 8th day of *August* 1845,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John Earl Somers to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Hereford, his Lordship this day took the oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.

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PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty, for a term to be limited, certain duties on sugar imported into the United Kingdom," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that, from and after the fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, there should be charged, amongst other duties of Customs, the following, that is to say:

On sugar, the growth and produce of China, Java, or Manilla, or of any foreign country, the sugars of which Her Majesty in Council shall have declared, or may hereafter declare, to be admissible as not being the produce of slave labour, and which shall be imported into the United Kingdom either from the country of its growth or from some British possession, having first been imported into such British possession from the country of its growth, the duties following, that is to say: