

The deficiency of the harvest in France and Germany, and other parts of Europe, has added to the difficulty of obtaining adequate supplies of provisions.

It will be your duty to consider what further measures are required to alleviate the existing distress. I recommend to you to take into your serious consideration whether, by increasing for a limited period the facilities for importing corn from foreign countries, and by the admission of sugar more freely into breweries and distilleries, the supply of food may be beneficially augmented.

I have likewise to direct your earnest consideration to the permanent condition of Ireland. You will perceive, in the absence of political excitement, an opportunity for taking a dispassionate survey of the social evils which afflict that part of the United Kingdom. Various measures will be laid before you, which, if adopted by Parliament, may tend to raise the great mass of people in comfort, to promote agriculture, and to lessen the pressure of that competition for land which has been the fruitful source of crime and misery.

The marriage of the Infanta Luisa Fernanda of Spain to the Duke of Montpensier has given rise to a correspondence between my Government and those of France and Spain.

The extinction of the Free State of Cracow has appeared to me to be so manifest a violation of the treaty of Vienna that I have commanded that a protest against that act should be delivered to the Courts of Vienna, Petersburg, and Berlin, which were parties to it. Copies of these several papers will be laid before you.

I entertain confident hopes that the hostilities in the river Plate which have so long interrupted commerce may soon be terminated, and my efforts, in conjunction with those of the King of the French, will be earnestly directed to that end.

My relations generally with Foreign Powers inspire me with the fullest confidence in the maintenance of peace.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have directed the estimates to be prepared with a view to provide for the efficiency of the public service with a due regard for economy.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I have ordered every requisite preparation to be made for putting into operation the Act of the last session of Parliament for the establishment of local courts for the recovery of small debts. It is my hope that the enforcement of civil rights in all parts of the country to which the Act relates may, by this measure, be materially facilitated.

I recommend to your attention measures which will be laid before you for improving the health of towns, an object the importance of which you will not fail to appreciate.

Deeply sensible of the blessings which, after a season of calamity, have been so often vouchsafed to this nation by a superintending Providence, I confide these important matters to your care, in a full conviction that your discussions will be guided by an impartial spirit, and in the hope that the present sufferings of my people may be lightened, and that their future condition may be improved, by your deliberative wisdom.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 18th day of *January* 1847,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches have, in pursuance of the sixteenth section of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act passed in the last session of Parliament, for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes," duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation, bearing date the twelfth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in the words following, viz.

"Your Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty, that, having taken into consideration all the circumstances of the parish of Wirksworth, in the county of Derby, and within the diocese of Lichfield, it appears to them to be expedient, that a particular district should