

and a spirit of insubordination has manifested itself, leading to an organized resistance to legal rights.

The Lord Lieutenant has employed with vigour and energy the means which the law places at his disposal to detect offenders, and to prevent the repetition of offences. Her Majesty feels it, however, to be Her duty to Her peaceable and well-disposed subjects to ask the assistance of Parliament in taking further precautions against the perpetration of crime in certain counties and districts in Ireland.

Her Majesty views with the deepest anxiety and interest the present condition of Ireland, and she recommends to the consideration of Parliament measures, which, with due regard to the rights of property, may advance the social condition of the people, and tend to the permanent improvement of that part of the United Kingdom.

Her Majesty has seen with great concern the breaking out of civil war in Switzerland.

Her Majesty is in communication with Her Allies on this subject, and has expressed Her readiness to use, in concert with them, Her friendly influence for the purpose of restoring to the Swiss Confederation the blessings of peace.

Her Majesty looks with confidence to the maintenance of the general peace of Europe.

Her Majesty has concluded with the Republic of the Equator a treaty for the suppression of the slave trade.

Her Majesty has given directions that this treaty should be laid before you.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

Her Majesty has given directions that the estimates for the next year should be prepared, for the purpose of being laid before you. They will be framed with a careful regard to the exigencies of the public service.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

Her Majesty recommends to the consideration of Parliament the laws which regulate the navigation of the United Kingdom, with a view to ascertain whether any changes can be adopted, which, without danger to our maritime strength, may promote the commercial and colonial interests of the empire.

Her Majesty has thought fit to appoint a Commission to report on the best means of im-

proving the health of the metropolis; and Her Majesty recommends to your earnest attention such measures as will be laid before you relating to the public health.

Her Majesty has deeply sympathized with the sufferings which afflict the labouring classes in the manufacturing districts in Great Britain and in many parts of Ireland, and has observed with admiration the patience with which these sufferings have been generally borne.

The distress which has lately prevailed among the commercial classes has affected many important branches of the revenue; but Her Majesty trusts that the time is not distant when, under the blessing of Divine Providence, the commerce and industry of the United Kingdom will have resumed their wonted activity.

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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 22d day of *November* 1847,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable Richard More O'Ferrall was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 30th day of *October* 1847,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches have, in pursuance of the ninth section of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the eighth and ninth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the farther amendment of the church building Acts," or under or by virtue of any other power or authority in that behalf vested in them under the church building Acts, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in the words following, viz.