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*Buckingham-Palace, August 8, 1851.*

**T**HIS day Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Albert, proceeded in state from Buckingham-Palace to the House of Peers, where she arrived soon after two o'clock; and was received on alighting from her state coach, by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, Sir Augustus Clifford, Bart. C.B. Deputy Great Chamberlain, (in the absence of the Lord Willoughby de Eresby), the Lord Steward of the Household, the Duke of Wellington, Garter King of Arms, and the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, and proceeded to the robing-room in the customary manner.

Her Majesty was there robed, and the procession moved into the House in the usual order;—the sword of state was borne by the Duke of Wellington, the cap of maintenance by the Marquess of Winchester, and the crown by the Marquess of Lansdowne.

Her Majesty being seated on the Throne, and His Royal Highness Prince Albert on a Chair on the left side of the Cloth of Estate, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, James Pulman, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund, and certain other sums, to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Merchant Seamen's Fund, and to provide for winding up the said fund, and for the better management thereof in the meantime.

An Act to facilitate the management and improvement of episcopal and capitular estates in England.

An Act for appointing Commissioners to inquire into the existence of bribery in the borough of St. Albans.

An Act to continue an Act of the fourteenth year of Her Majesty for charging the maintenance of certain poor persons in unions in England and Wales upon the common fund, and to make certain amendments in the laws for the relief of the poor.

An Act to confirm certain provisional orders of the General Board of Health.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the vend and delivery of coals in London and Westminster, and in certain parts of the adjacent counties, and to allow a drawback on coals conveyed beyond certain limits.

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,*

I AM glad to be able to release you from your attendance in Parliament, and I thank you for the diligence with which you have performed your laborious duties.

I continue to maintain the most friendly relations with foreign powers.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the very considerable diminution which has taken place in the African and Brazilian Slave Trade. The exertions of my squadrons on the coasts of Africa and Brazil, assisted by the vigilance of the cruisers of France and of the United States, and aided by the co-operation of the Brazilian government, have mainly contributed to this result.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the readiness with which you have granted the supplies necessary for the service of the year.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is satisfactory to observe, that notwithstanding very large reductions of taxes, the revenue for the past year considerably exceeded the public expenditure for the same period.

I am rejoiced to find that you have thereby been enabled to relieve my people from an impost which restricted the enjoyment of light and air in their dwellings. I trust that this enactment, with others to which your attention has been and will be directed, will contribute to the health and comfort of my subjects.

I thank you for the assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the consideration of a measure framed for the purpose of checking the undue assumption of ecclesiastical titles conferred by a foreign power.

It gives me the highest satisfaction to find, that, while repelling unfounded claims, you have maintained inviolate the great principles of religious liberty so happily established among us.