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FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1859.

The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, April 19, 1859.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by Her Majesty to inform you, that it is Her Majesty's intention forthwith to dissolve the present Parliament, with a view to enable Her people to express, in the mode prescribed by the constitution, their opinion upon the state of public affairs.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We are commanded by Her Majesty to thank you for the wise liberality with which you have granted the necessary supplies for the military and naval defences of the country, and for the provision which you have made for the exigencies of the other branches of the public service, during the interval which must elapse before the estimates for the year can be considered by the new Parliament, which Her Majesty will direct immediately to be called.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty commands us to inform you, that the appeal which she is about to make to Her people has been rendered necessary by the difficulties experienced in carrying on the public business of the country, as indicated by the fact that within little more than a year two successive administrations have failed to retain the confidence of the House of Commons; and Her Majesty prays that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, the steps which she is about to take may have the effect of facilitating the discharge of Her high functions, and of enabling Her to conduct the Government of the country under the advice of a Ministry possessed of the confidence of Her Parliament and Her people.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read; after which the Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Thursday the fifth day of May next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the fifth day of May next.

Windsor Castle, April 19, 1859.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:

The Chevalier Maxime Taparelli d'Azeglio, on an Extraordinary Mission from the King of Sardinia, to deliver his credentials;

To which audience he was introduced by the Earl of Malmesbury, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Buckingham Palace, April 18, 1859.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Hugh Hill, Esq., one of the Judges of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench.

Downing-Street, April 19, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William Henry Adams, Esq., to be Attorney-General for the Colony of Hong Kong.

Whitehall, April 20, 1859.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Sir John Somerset Pakington Bart.; Vice-Admiral William Fanshawe Martin; Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir Richard Saunders Dundas, K.C.B.; Rear-Admiral Sir Henry John Leeke, K.C.B.; Rear-Admiral Alexander Milne, K.C.B.; and the Honourable Frederick Lygon, to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions, islands, and territories thereunto belonging.