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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, February 7, 1865.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded to assure you that Her Majesty has great satisfaction in recurring again to the advice and assistance of Her Parliament.

The negotiations in which the Emperor of Austria and the King of Prussia were engaged with the King of Denmark were brought to a conclusion by a Treaty of Peace; and the communications which Her Majesty receives from Foreign Powers lead Her to entertain a well-founded hope that no renewed disturbance of the peace of Europe is to be apprehended.

The civil war in North America still unhappily continues. Her Majesty remains steadfastly neutral between the contending parties, and would rejoice at a friendly reconciliation between them.

A Japanese Daimio in rebellion against his Sovereign infringed the rights accorded by Treaty to Great Britain and to certain other Powers; and the Japanese Government having failed to compel him to desist from his lawless proceedings, the Diplomatic Agents and the Naval Commanders of Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, and the United States of North America, undertook a combined operation for the purpose of asserting the rights which their respective Governments have obtained by Treaty. That operation has been attended with complete success; and the result has afforded security for foreign commerce and additional strength to the Government of Japan, with which the relations of Her Majesty are friendly.

Papers on this subject will be laid before you.

Her Majesty regrets that the conflict with some of the native tribes in New Zealand has not yet been brought to a close; but the successful efforts of Her Majesty's regular forces, supported by those raised in the colony, have led to the submission of some of the insurgents; and those who are still in arms have been informed of the equitable conditions on which their submission would be accepted.

Her Majesty has had great satisfaction in giving Her sanction to the meeting of a Conference of Delegates from Her several North American Provinces, who, on invitation from Her Majesty's Governor General, assembled at Quebec. Those Delegates adopted resolutions having for their

object a closer union of those Provinces under a Central Government. If those resolutions shall be approved by the Provincial Legislatures, a Bill will be laid before you for carrying this important measure into effect.

Her Majesty rejoices at the general tranquillity of Her Indian Dominion; but Her Majesty regrets that long-continued outrages on the persons and property of subjects of Her Majesty, and for which no redress could be had, have rendered it necessary to employ a force to obtain satisfaction for the past and security for the future.

Her Majesty deeply laments the calamity which has recently occasioned great loss of life and property at Calcutta and at other places in India. Prompt assistance was rendered by the officers of the Government, and generous contributions have been made in various parts of India to relieve the sufferings which have thus been occasioned.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

Her Majesty has directed the estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you.

They have been prepared with every attention to economy, and with due regard to the efficiency of the public service.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty commands us to inform you, that the general condition of the country is satisfactory, and that the revenue realises its estimated amount. The distress which prevailed in some of the manufacturing districts has greatly abated; and the Act passed for the encouragement of public works in those districts has been attended with useful results.

Ireland during the past year has had its share in the advantage of a good harvest, and trade and manufactures are gradually extending in that part of the Kingdom.

Various measures of public usefulness will be submitted for your consideration.

Bills will be laid before you for the concentration of all the courts of law and equity, with their attendant offices, on a convenient site; a measure which Her Majesty trusts will promote economy and despatch in the administration of justice.

The important work for the revision of the Statute Law, already carried to a considerable