

held by him before the war. I earnestly hope that this step may lead to the establishment of a more stable government, and to the maintenance of good relations between the Zulu nation and the adjoining Colony of Natal.

Papers on these subjects will be presented to you.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the services of the coming year are in a forward state of preparation, and will be speedily laid before you.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I am happy to state that the improvement in the social condition of Ireland, to which I referred in December, continues. Agrarian crime has sensibly diminished, and the law has been everywhere upheld.

At the same time, the existence of dangerous Secret Societies in Dublin and other parts of the country calls for unremitting energy and vigilance on the part of the Executive.

Measures will be promptly submitted to you for the codification of Criminal Law; for the establishment of a Court of Criminal Appeal; and for the amendment and consolidation of the laws relating to Bankruptcy and Patents. There will also be brought to your early notice Bills for preventing Corrupt Practices at Elections, and for perpetuating and amending the Ballot Act.

I have on previous occasions referred to the importance of effecting reforms in the Local Government of the different parts of the United Kingdom. Proposals for the better government of the Metropolis will, in the first place, be submitted to you, and, if time should permit, will be followed by other measures relating to reform of Local Government.

Your attention will be called to Bills dealing with the Conservancy of Rivers and Prevention of Floods; with the Police in Scotland; with the Universities in that part of the United Kingdom; and with Education in Wales.

You will also be invited to consider a proposal which will more effectually secure to tenants in England and Scotland compensation for agricultural improvements.

You have provided in recent years by a liberal devotion of your time for the most urgent among the needs of Ireland. The claims both of general legislation and of other portions of the United Kingdom will now demand from you a just regard. I trust, however, that you will be able to deal during the present year with some of the legislative wants of Ireland for which provision has not yet been made.

I rely upon your proceeding with energy and prudence; and I beseech Almighty God now, as heretofore, to bless your labours.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 14th day of *February*, 1883.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order made by Her Majesty in Council on the 18th day of November 1867 it was ordered that except as therein mentioned the law of England as it existed on the 22nd day of August 1867 should be thereafter in force in Gibraltar so far as it might be applicable to the circumstances thereof.

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Order.

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Gibraltar and it is expedient that such doubts should be set at rest.

And whereas the Orders in Council Ordinances and Proclamation mentioned in the schedule to this Order in Council may be regarded as spent or have by lapse of time and change of circumstances become unnecessary and it is expedient that the same should be expressly and specifically revoked and repealed.

It is hereby ordered by Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Privy Council as follows:—

1. The 2nd clause of the said Order in Council of the 18th day of November 1867 is hereby revoked.

2. Except in respect of matters which now are or hereafter may be provided for by any Order in Council or local Ordinance for the time being in force in Gibraltar (other than those hereby revoked or repealed) or by certain Letters Patent dated the 1st day of September 1830 and commonly called the Charter of Justice or by any Act of Parliament expressly or by necessary inference extending to Gibraltar or by any proclamation or other instrument issued under the authority of such Order in Council, local Ordinance Charter of Justice or Act of Parliament the law of England as it existed on the 31st day of December 1882 shall be hereafter in force in the city garrison and territory of Gibraltar, so far as it may be applicable to the circumstances thereof.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Charter of Justice the Supreme Court of Gibraltar shall hereafter have and be capable of exercising in the city garrison and territory of Gibraltar the civil jurisdiction which is in England vested in and capable of being exercised by Her Majesty's High Court of Justice except such jurisdiction as before the commencement of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1873 was vested in the High Court of Admiralty or the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

4. The said Charter of Justice shall henceforth be construed and take effect as if instead of the words "Our Courts of Record at Westminster" wherever those words occur therein the words "the Supreme Court of Judicature in England" had been inserted therein.

5. Neither the Supreme Court of Gibraltar nor any other Court having jurisdiction in criminal cases within the garrison and territory of Gibraltar except a Court Martial has or shall have jurisdiction in criminal cases over any officer soldier or other person in actual pay as a member of the garrison except in cases of contempt of court Provided that no person in actual pay as a member of the garrison shall be arrested or imprisoned for any contempt of Court committed by him (except by order of a Court Martial) without the leave of the Governor first obtained in writing and that any such person having been so arrested or imprisoned with the leave of the Governor may at any time be discharged from such arrest or imprisonment by order in writing signed by the Governor.

6. The Orders in Council Ordinances and Proclamation described in the schedule to this Order are hereby revoked and repealed to the extent in the third column of the said schedule mentioned.

Provided that such revocation and repeal shall not revive or restore any Order in Council Ordinance or Enactment which has been revoked or repealed by any Order in Council Ordinance or Proclamation hereby revoked or repealed.

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Derby one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. Peel.