

An Act for suspending, under certain circumstances, the operation of so much of an Act, passed in the third year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the suppression of the slave trade, as relates to Portuguese vessels."

An Act to enable Her Majesty to grant furlough allowances to the bishops of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, who shall return to Europe for a limited period, after residing in India a sufficient time to entitle them to the highest scale of pension.

An Act for regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels.

An Act for confirmation of certain marriages in Ireland.

An Act for amending until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and until the end of the then next session of Parliament, the law relating to private lunatic asylums in Ireland.

An Act to amend and continue until the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, the Acts regulating the police of Manchester, Birmingham, and Bolton.

After which Her Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament :

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

THE state of public business enables me to release you from further attendance in Parliament.

I cannot take leave of you without expressing my grateful sense of the assiduity and zeal with which you have applied yourselves to the discharge of your public duties, during the whole course of a long and most laborious session.

You have had under your consideration measures of the greatest importance connected with the financial and commercial interests of the country, calculated to maintain the public credit, to improve the national resources, and, by extending trade and stimulating the demand for labour, to promote the general and permanent welfare of all classes of my subjects.

Although measures of this description have necessarily occupied much of your attention, you have at the same time effected great improvements in several branches of jurisprudence, and in laws connected with the administration of domestic affairs.

I return you my especial acknowledgments for the renewed proof which you afforded me of your loyalty and affectionate attachment, by your ready and unanimous concurrence in an Act for the increased security and protection of my Person.

I continue to receive from all Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly disposition towards this country.

Although I have had deeply to lament the reverses which have befallen a division of the army to the westward of the Indus, yet I have the satisfaction of reflecting that the gallant defence of the city of Jellalabad, crowned by a decisive victory in the field, has eminently proved the courage and discipline of the European and Native troops, and the skill and fortitude of their distinguished commander.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

The liberality with which you have granted the supplies to meet the exigencies of the public service, demands my warm acknowledgments.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

You will concur with me in the expression of humble gratitude to Almighty God, for the favourable season which his bounty has vouchsafed to us, and for the prospects of a harvest more abundant than those of recent years.

There are, I trust, indications of gradual recovery from that depression which has affected many branches of manufacturing industry, and has exposed large classes of my people to privations and sufferings which have caused me the deepest concern.

You will, I am confident, be actuated on your return to your several counties by the same enlightened zeal for the public interests which you have manifested during the discharge of your Parliamentary duties, and you will do your utmost to encourage, by your example and active exertions, that spirit of order and submission to the law which is essential to the public happiness, and without which there can be no enjoyment of the fruits of peaceful industry, and no advance in the career of social improvement.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by her Majesty's command, said :

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is Her Majesty's royal will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the sixth day of October, to be then here holden ; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the sixth day of October next.