

and Servant, of the Act of 1871, which deals with offences connected with trade, and of the law of conspiracy, more especially as connected with these offences. On these subjects I am desirous that, before attempting any fresh legislation, you should be in possession of all material facts, and of the precise questions in controversy, and for this purpose I have issued a Royal Commission to inquire into the state and working of the present law with a view to its early amendment, if it should be found necessary.

A Bill will be introduced dealing with such parts of the Acts regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors as have given rise to complaints which appear to deserve the interference of Parliament.

Your attention will also be directed to the laws affecting Friendly and Provident Societies.

All these matters will require your grave consideration, and I pray that the Almighty may guide your deliberations for the welfare of my realm.

At the Court at Windsor the 17th day of
March 1874.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This day, Edward Strathearn Gordon, Esquire, was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

At the Court at Windsor the 17th day of
March 1874.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased to appoint the Lord President of the Council, the Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education, the Right Honourable Benjamin Disraeli, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Right Honourable Edward Strathearn Gordon (Lord Advocate), to be a Committee of Council on Education in Scotland.

At the Court at Windsor the 17th day of
March 1874.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty in Council was this day pleased,

on a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, to appoint Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, Esquire, B.A. of Christ Church, Oxford; James Hamilton Wylie, Esquire, B.A. of Pembroke College, Oxford; and John Bailey Haslam, Esquire, M.A., Fellow of Saint John's College, Cambridge, to be three of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.

WINDSOR CASTLE, March 18, 1874.

This day the Right Honourable the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, accompanied by several Members of the Corporation, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, desire to approach your Royal Person with the expression of our hearty congratulations to your Majesty on the occasion of the auspicious marriage of your son, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, to the Grand Duchess Marie, the only daughter of Alexander the Second, Emperor of Russia.

Associated with this ancient City by residence and by his title, your Majesty will understand how peculiarly interesting to us is this happy union, which we hope and believe, being founded on mutual affection, will, with the Divine blessing, contribute to the happiness and well-being of the wedded pair, and prove a source of lasting comfort and satisfaction to your Majesty.

We desire to avail ourselves of this opportunity of renewing, on behalf of ourselves and of the City we represent, the expressions of our devoted love and attachment to your Majesty's Person and loyalty to your throne.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the Twelfth day of March Eighteen hundred and seventy-four years.

JAMES FALSHAW, Lord Provost.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:—

'I thank you with much gratitude for your renewed expression of devotion and attachment to my Person, and loyalty to my throne.

'Your congratulations on the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh are most acceptable to me, and I firmly believe that, with Divine blessing, the union which he has contracted with the daughter of the Emperor of Russia will not only be attended with happiness to my son and his illustrious bride, but will prove a source of lasting satisfaction to myself and my people.'