

Spain which was one of the main objects of the Quadruple Treaty, and which is so essential to the interests of all Europe.

I am happy to be able to inform you that my endeavours to remove the misunderstanding which had arisen between France and the United States, have been crowned with complete success. The good offices which for that purpose I tendered to the two Governments were accepted by both in the most frank and conciliatory spirit; and the relations of friendship have been re-established between them in a manner satisfactory and honourable to both parties. I trust that this circumstance will tend to draw still closer the ties which connect this country with two great and friendly nations.

I have regarded with interest your deliberations upon the reports of the Commission appointed to consider the state of the dioceses in England and Wales, and I have cheerfully given My assent to the measures which have been presented to Me for carrying into effect some of their most important recommendations,

It is with no ordinary satisfaction that I have learned that you have, with great labour, brought to maturity enactments upon the difficult subject of tithes in England and Wales, which will, I trust, prove in their operation equitable to all the interests concerned, and generally beneficial in their results.

The passing of the Acts for civil registration and for marriages in England has afforded Me much satisfaction. Their provisions have been framed upon those large principles of religious freedom, which, with a due regard to the welfare of the Established Church in this country, I have always been desirous of maintaining and promoting; and they will also conduce to the greater certainty of titles, and to the stability of property.

It has been to Me a source of the most lively gratification to observe the tranquillity which has prevailed, and the diminution of crime which has lately taken place, in Ireland. I trust that perseverance in a just and impartial system of government will encourage this good disposition, and enable that country to develop her great natural resources.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the liberality with which you have voted, not only the ordinary supplies of the year, but

the additional sums required to provide for an increase in My naval force.

I am also gratified to perceive that you have made provision for the full amount of the compensation awarded to the owners of slaves in My colonial possessions, and that the obligations entered into by the Legislature have thus been strictly fulfilled.

The increased productiveness of the public revenue has enabled you to meet these charges, and at the same time to repeal or reduce taxes, of which some were injurious in their effects upon My people, and others unequal in their pressure upon various parts of My dominions abroad.

The present condition of manufactures and commerce affords a subject of congratulation, provided the activity which prevails be guided by that caution and prudence which experience has proved to be necessary to stable prosperity.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

The advanced period of the year, and the length of time during which you have been engaged in public affairs, must render you desirous of returning to your respective counties. You will there resume those duties which are in importance inferior only to your legislative functions; and your influence and example will greatly conduce to the maintenance of tranquillity, the encouragement of industry, and the confirmation of those moral and religious habits and principles which are essential to the well-being of every community.

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

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

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

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*Westminster, August 19, 1836.*

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do*