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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, January 31, 1837.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by His Majesty to acquaint you, that His Majesty continues to receive from all Foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition ; and His Majesty trusts that the experience of the blessings which peace confers upon nations will tend to confirm and secure the present tranquillity.

His Majesty laments that the civil contest which has agitated the Spanish Monarchy has not yet been brought to a close ; but His Majesty has continued to afford to the Queen of Spain that aid which, by the Treaty of Quadruple Alliance of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, His Majesty engaged to give, if it should become necessary ; and His Majesty rejoices that His co-operating force has rendered useful assistance to the troops of Her Catholic Majesty.

Events have happened in Portugal, which for a time threatened to disturb the internal peace of that country. His Majesty ordered, in consequence, a temporary augmentation of His naval force in the Tagus, for the more effectual protection of the persons and property of His subjects resident in Lisbon ; and the Admiral commanding His Majesty's squadron was authorised, in case of need, to afford protection to the person of the Queen of Portugal, without, however, interfering in those constitutional questions which divided the conflicting parties.

His Majesty has directed the reports of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the state of the province of Lower Canada to be laid before you, and has ordered us to call your attention to that important subject.

We have also in charge to recommend for your serious deliberation those provisions which will be submitted to you for the improvement of the law and of the administration of justice ; assuring you that His Majesty's anxiety for the accomplishment of these objects remains undiminished.

We are enjoined to convey to you His Majesty's desire that you should consult upon such further measures as may give increased stability to the Established Church, and promote concord and goodwill.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The estimates of the year have been prepared with every desire to meet the exigencies of the public service in the spirit of a wise economy. His Majesty has directed them to be laid before you without delay. The increase of the revenue has hitherto more than justified the expectations created by the receipts of former years.

His Majesty recommends an early renewal of your inquiries into the operation of the Act permitting the establishment of Joint Stock Banks. The best security against the mismanagement of banking affairs must ever be found in the capacity and integrity of those who are entrusted with the