

that behalf respectively mentioned; now, therefore, to prevent inconvenience to Our loving subjects, We have, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that every such piece of gold money called a double sovereign shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom as of the value of forty shillings, provided it be of the weight of ten pennyweights and five grains, at the least; and that every such piece of gold money called a sovereign shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom as of the value of twenty shillings, provided it be of the weight of five pennyweights and two and a half grains, at the least; and that every such piece of gold money called a half sovereign shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom as of the value of ten shillings, provided it be of the weight of two pennyweights and thirteen grains and one eighth of a grain, at the least; and whereas certain pieces of silver money, called groats or fourpenny pieces, having for the obverse impression Our effigy, with the inscription "Victoria D. G. Britanniar: Regina F. D." and for the reverse the figure of Britannia, holding the trident in one hand, and having the other hand placed upon a shield impressed with the union cross, and having round the figure the words "four pence," and the date of the year below, with a graining on the edge, as used for His late Majesty's coin, have been coined at Our Mint, after the rates allowed for the standard weights and fineness of Our silver moneys by the Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to provide for a new silver coinage, and to regulate the currency of the gold and silver coin of this realm;" and whereas such pieces have been delivered, and will continue to be delivered, from Our Mint, for the use of Our loving subjects; We do, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of silver money shall, after the date of this Our Proclamation, be current and lawful money of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of Our said Kingdom, that is to say, every such groat or fourpenny piece as of the value of four pence.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one

thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

*Westminster, August 4, 1838.*

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 Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act to facilitate the merger of tithes in land.

An Act for the better government of prisons in the West Indies.

An Act to remove doubts respecting conveyances of estates vested in heirs and devisees of mortgages.

An Act for relieving the commissioners and others acting in the execution of divers local improvement Acts from certain penalties and disabilities.

An Act to continue, until the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty, and to the end of the then next session of Parliament, the Local Turnpike Acts of Great Britain, which expire with this or the ensuing session of Parliament.

An Act for maintaining a lighthouse at Gibraltar, and respecting lighthouses not within the United Kingdom.

An Act to amend and continue for one year, and from thence to the end of the then next session of Parliament, the several Acts relating to the importation and keeping of arms and gunpowder in Ireland.

An Act to continue, for one year, and from thence until the end of the then next session of Parliament, the several Acts for regulating the turnpike roads in Ireland.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the police of the district of the Dublin metropolis.

An Act to extend the powers of an Act of the sixth and seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, in relation to granting tacks and making exchanges by heirs of entail.

*Buckingham-Palace, August 3, 1838.*

This day had audience of Her Majesty upon his arrival, His Highness the Prince Peter of Oldenburg:

To which he was introduced by Lord Viscount