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Buckingham-Palace, January 16, 1840.

THIS day Her Majesty proceeded in state from Buckingham-Palace to the House of Peers, where she arrived soon after two o'clock; and was received, on alighting from her state coach, by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Steward of the Household, the Lord Viscount Melbourne, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and proceeded to the robing-room in the customary manner.

Her Majesty was there robed, and, having put on the imperial crown, the procession moved into the House in the usual order;—the sword of state was borne by the Lord Viscount Melbourne, and the cap of maintenance by the Earl of Shaftesbury, in the absence of the Marquess of Winchester.

Her Majesty being seated on the Throne, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, Sir Augustus Clifford, Bart. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

SINCE you were last assembled I have declared My intention of allying Myself in Marriage with the Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha. I humbly implore that the Divine blessing may prosper this union, and render it conducive to the interests of My people, as well as to My own domestic happiness; and it will be to Me a source of the most lively satisfaction to find the resolution I have taken approved by My Parliament.

The constant proofs which I have received of your attachment to My Person and Family, persuade Me that you will enable Me to provide for such an establishment as may appear suitable to the rank of the Prince, and the dignity of the Crown.

I continue to receive from Foreign Powers assurances of their unabated desire to maintain with Me the most friendly relations.

I rejoice that the civil war, which had so long disturbed and desolated the northern provinces of Spain, has been brought to an end, by an arrangement satisfactory to the Spanish Government and to the people of those provinces; and I trust that ere long, peace and tranquillity will be re-established throughout the rest of Spain.

The affairs of the Levant have continued to occupy My most anxious attention. The concord which has prevailed amongst the Five Powers has prevented a renewal of hostilities in that quarter; and I hope that the same unanimity will bring these