

important and difficult matters to a final settlement, in such a manner as to uphold the integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire, and to give additional security to the peace of Europe.

I have not yet been enabled to re-establish My diplomatic relations with the Court of Teheran; but communications which I have lately received from the Persian Government inspire Me with the confident expectation that the differences which occasioned a suspension of those relations will soon be satisfactorily adjusted.

Events have happened in China which have occasioned an interruption of the commercial intercourse of My subjects with that country. I have given, and shall continue to give, the most serious attention to a matter so deeply affecting the interests of My subjects and the dignity of My Crown.

I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that the Military operations undertaken by the Governor-General of India, have been attended with complete success; and that in the expedition to the westward of the Indus the Officers and troops, both European and native, have displayed the most distinguished skill and valour.

I have directed that further papers relating to the affairs of Canada should be laid before you, and I confide to your wisdom this important subject.

I recommend to your early attention the state of the municipal corporations of Ireland.

It is desirable that you should prosecute those measures relating to the Established Church which have been recommended by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of England.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have directed estimates for the services of the year to be laid before you.

They have been framed with every attention to economy, and, at the same time, with a due regard to the efficiency of those establishments which are rendered necessary by the extent and circumstances of the empire.

I have lost no time in carrying into effect the intentions of Parliament by the reduction of the duties on postage; and I trust that the beneficial effects of this measure will be felt throughout all classes of the community.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I learn, with great sorrow, that the commercial embarrassments which have taken place in this and other countries are subjecting many of the manufacturing districts to severe distress.

I have to acquaint you, with deep concern, that the spirit of insubordination has, in some parts of the country, broken out into open violence, which was speedily repressed by the firmness and energy of the magistrates, and by the steadiness and good conduct of My troops.

I confidently rely upon the power of the law, upon your loyalty and wisdom, and upon the good sense and right feeling of My people, for the maintenance of order, the protection of property, and the promotion, as far as they can be promoted by human means, of the true interests of the empire.

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AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 15th day of *January* 1840,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day the Right Honourable George Lord Kinnaird was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty having been pleased to deliver the Custody of the Privy Seal to the Right Honourable George Earl of Clarendon, the oath of Keeper of the Privy Seal was this day administered to him, and His Lordship took his place at the Board accordingly.

Her Majesty having been pleased to appoint Sir William Trelawny, Bart. to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the county of Cornwall, he this day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

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*Duchy of Lancaster, January 15, 1840.*

The Queen has been this day pleased to appoint Thomas Fitzherbert Brockholes, of Cloughton-hall, Esq. to be Sheriff of the county palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.