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Buckingham-Palace, August 11, 1840.

His day Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Albert, 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 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 Winehester.

Her Majesty being seated on the Throne, and His Royal Highness Prince Albert on a Chair on the left side of the Cloth of Estate, 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 give the Royal Assent to

An Act to apply a sum, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of ecclesiastical duties and revenues.

An Act to amend the laws relating to loan societies.

An Act to continue, until the thirty-first day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and to extend the provisions of an Act of the first and second years of Her present Majesty, relating to legal proceedings by certain Joint Stock Banking Companies against their own members, and by such members against the companies.

An Act to continue, for four years from the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, the duties now levied on coal and wines imported into the port of London.

After which Her Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

THE state of public business enables Me to close this session of Parliament; and in releasing you from your attendance, I have to thank you for the care and attention with which you have discharged' your important daties.

I continue to receive from Foreign Powers assurances of their friendly disposition, and of their anxious desire for the maintenance of peace.

I congratulate you upon the termination of the civil war in Spain. The objects for which the quadruple engagements of 1831 were contracted having