

as well as for the further applications of sums granted by the last Parliament.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

We are more especially commanded to declare to you, that the extraordinary expences which the events in Canada, China, and the Mediterranean have occasioned, and the necessity of maintaining a force adequate to the protection of our extensive possessions, have made it necessary to consider the means of increasing the public revenue.

Her Majesty is anxious that this object should be effected in the manner least burthensome to Her people; and it has appeared to Her Majesty, after full deliberation, that you may at this juncture properly direct your attention to the revision of duties affecting the productions of foreign countries. It will be for you to consider whether some of these duties are not so trifling in amount as to be unproductive to the revenue, while they are vexatious to commerce. You may further examine whether the principle of protection, upon which others of these duties are founded, be not carried to an extent injurious alike to the income of the State and the interests of the people.

Her Majesty is desirous that you should consider the laws which regulate the trade in corn. It will be for you to determine whether these laws do not aggravate the natural fluctuations of supply; whether they do not embarrass trade, derange the currency, and by their operation diminish the comfort, and increase the privations, of the great body of the community.

Her Majesty feeling the deepest sympathy with those of Her subjects who are now suffering from distress and want of employment, it is Her earnest prayer that all your deliberations may be guided by wisdom, and may conduce to the happiness of Her beloved people.

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**A**T the Court at *Windsor*, the 21st day of *August* 1841,

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The **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**T**HIS day the Right Honourable Robert Vernon Smith was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

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**W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for rendering more easy the taking the poll at county elections," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the justices of any county, riding, parts, or division in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled, representing, that the number of polling places for such county, riding, parts, or division is insufficient, and praying, that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place or polling places for the county, riding, parts, or division of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare that any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts, or division; and that the justices of the peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the Act, passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and determine the divisions of counties, and the limits of cities and boroughs, in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament," shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place:

And whereas the justices of the peace for the county of Essex, at a general quarter session of the peace, holden at Chelmsford, in and for the said county of Essex, on Tuesday in the first week after the twenty-fourth day of June, to wit, the twenty-ninth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, have presented their petition to Her Majesty, representing that the number of polling places for the northern division of the said county is insufficient, and therefore praying that the town of *Witham* may be a polling place for the northern division of the said county, within which the town of *Witham* aforesaid is situate: