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*Buckingham-Palace, February 3, 1842.*

**T**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 Duke of Wellington, Deputy 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 Duke of Wellington, 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, 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, Knt. 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,*

I CANNOT meet you in Parliament assembled, without making a public acknowledgement of my gratitude to Almighty God on account of the birth of the Prince, my son; an event which has completed the measure of my domestic happiness, and has been hailed with every demonstration of affectionate attachment to my Person and Government by my faithful and loyal people.

I am confident that you will participate in the satisfaction which I have derived from the presence, in this country, of my good Brother and Ally, the King of Prussia, who, at my request, undertook in person the office of Sponsor at the christening of the Prince of Wales.

I receive from all Princes and States the continued assurance of their earnest desire to maintain the most friendly relations with this country.

It is with great satisfaction that I inform you, that I have concluded, with the Emperor of Austria, the King of the French, the King of Prussia, and the Emperor of Russia, a Treaty for the more effectual suppression of the slave trade, which, when the ratifications shall have been exchanged, will be communicated to Parliament.

There shall also be laid before you a Treaty which I have concluded with the same Powers, together with the Sultan, having for its object the security of the Turkish empire, and the maintenance of the general tranquillity.