

The restoration of my diplomatic and friendly intercourse with the Court of Tehran has been followed by the completion of a Commercial Treaty with the King of Persia, which I have directed to be laid before you.

I am engaged in negotiations with several Powers, which, I trust, by leading to Conventions founded on the just principle of mutual advantage, may extend the trade and commerce of the country.

I regret that I am not enabled to announce to you the re-establishment of peaceful relations with the Government of China.

The uniform success which has attended the hostile operations directed against that Power, and my confidence in the skill and gallantry of my naval and military forces, encourage the hope, on my part, that our differences with the Government of China will be brought to an early termination, and our commercial relations with that country placed on a satisfactory basis.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

The estimates for the year have been prepared, and will be laid before you.

I rely with entire confidence on your disposition, while you enforce the principles of a wise economy, to make that provision for the service of the country which the public exigencies require.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I recommend to your immediate attention the state of the finances and of the expenditure of the country.

You will have seen with regret that, for several years past, the annual income has been inadequate to bear the public charges; and I feel confident, that, fully sensible of the evil which must result from a continued deficiency of this nature during peace, you will carefully consider the best means of averting it.

I recommend also to your consideration the state of the laws which affect the import of corn, and of other articles, the produce of foreign countries.

Measures will be submitted for your consideration for the amendment of the Law of Bankruptcy, and for the improvement of the jurisdiction exercised by the Ecclesiastical Courts in England and Wales.

It will also be desirable that you should consider, with a view to their revision, the laws which regulate the registration of electors of Members to serve in Parliament.

I have observed, with deep regret, the continued distress in the manufacturing districts of the country.

The sufferings and privations which have resulted from it have been borne with exemplary patience and fortitude.

I feel assured that your deliberations on the various important matters which will occupy your attention will be directed by a comprehensive regard for the interests and permanent welfare of all classes of my subjects; and I fervently pray that they may tend in their result to improve the national resources, and to encourage the industry and promote the happiness of my people.

AT the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 2d day of February 1842.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in the Act of Uniformity, which establishes the Liturgy of the Church of England, provision is made for such alterations in the Prayers for the Royal Family as, from time to time, shall become necessary; it is, therefore, this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that, in the Morning and Evening Prayers, in the Litany, and in all other parts of the Public Service, as well in the Occasional Offices as in the Book of Common Prayer, where the Royal Family is appointed to be particularly prayed for, the following form and order shall be observed, viz.

Adelaide the Queen Dowager, the Prince Albert, Albert Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

And Her Majesty doth strictly charge and command, that no edition of the Common Prayer be henceforth printed, but in the form aforementioned; and that, in the meantime, and until copies of such edition may be had, all Parsons, Vicars, and Curates within this realm do (for the preventing of mistakes), with the pen, correct and amend all such Prayers in their Church Books, according to the foregoing direction: and, for the better notice hereof, that this Order be forthwith printed and published, and sent to the several parishes; and that the Right Reverend the Bishops do take care that obedience be paid to the same accordingly.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*