

those operations have been directed, and of the constancy and valour which have been manifested by the European and native forces.

The superiority of Her Majesty's arms has been established by decisive victories on the scenes of former disaster; and the complete liberation of Her Majesty's subjects who were held in captivity, and for whom Her Majesty felt the deepest interest, has been effected.

We are commanded by Her Majesty to inform you, that it has not been deemed advisable to continue the occupation by a military force of the countries to the westward of the Indus.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

Her Majesty has directed the estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you.

Such reductions have been made in the amount of the naval and military force as have been deemed compatible, under present circumstances, with the efficient performance of the public service throughout the extended empire of Her Majesty.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

Her Majesty regrets the diminished receipt from some of the ordinary sources of revenue.

Her Majesty fears that it must be in part attributed to the reduced consumption of many articles caused by that depression of the manufacturing industry of the country which has so long prevailed, and which Her Majesty has so deeply lamented:

In considering, however, the present state of the revenue, Her Majesty is assured that you will bear in mind that it has been materially affected by the extensive reductions in the import duties which received your sanction during the last session of Parliament, and that little progress has been hitherto made in the collection of those taxes which were imposed for the purpose of supplying the deficiency from that and other causes.

Her Majesty feels confident that the future produce of the revenue will be sufficient to meet every exigency of the public service.

Her Majesty commands us to acquaint you, that Her Majesty derived the utmost gratification from the loyalty and affectionate attachment to Her Majesty which were manifested on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to Scotland.

Her Majesty regrets that in the course of last year the public peace in some of the manufacturing districts was seriously disturbed, and the lives and property of Her Majesty's subjects were endangered by tumultuous assemblages and acts of open violence.

The ordinary law, promptly enforced, was sufficient for the effectual repression of these disorders. Her Majesty confidently relies upon its efficacy, and upon the zealous support of Her loyal and peaceable subjects, for the maintenance of tranquillity.

We are commanded by Her Majesty to acquaint you, that measures connected with the improvement of the law, and with various questions of domestic policy, will be submitted for your consideration.

Her Majesty confidently relies on your zealous endeavours to promote the public welfare, and fervently prays that the favour of Divine Providence may direct and prosper your counsels, and make them conducive to the happiness and contentment of Her people.

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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 1st day of *February* 1843,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty, having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Bart. and G.C.B. to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of the provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and of the island of Prince Edward; and Governor General of all Her Majesty's provinces on the Continent of North America, and of the island of Prince Edward; he this day took the usual oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of Her Majesty's plantations.