

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Her Majesty has to lament that the recurrence of a failure in the potatoe crop in an aggravated degree will cause a serious deficiency in the quantity of a material article of food.

Her Majesty has given Her cordial assent to measures by which this calamity may be mitigated in that part of the United Kingdom where the cultivation of the potatoe has hitherto afforded the chief supply for the subsistence of the people.

Her Majesty has seen with pleasure that a considerable diminution of crime and outrage has taken place in those counties of Ireland which had been most disturbed.

Her Majesty is confident that on your return to your several counties you will find a spirit of loyalty generally* prevalent. The extension of works of improvement has increased the demand for labour, and the tranquillity of the country has favoured the pursuits of industry in all its branches.

Her Majesty trusts that by a combination of prudence with enterprise, and of a willing obedience to law, with a desire for social progress, Her people will, through the Divine blessing, enjoy the full advantages of peace.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read; after which the Lord Chancellor said :

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the fourth day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the fourth day of November next.

AT the Court at *Osborne-House, Isle of Wight,*
the 27th day of *August* 1846,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS a Treaty has been concluded between Her Majesty and His Majesty the King of Prussia, whereby due protection has

been secured within the Prussian dominions for the authors of books, dramatic works, or musical compositions, and the inventors, designers, or engravers of prints and articles of sculpture, and the authors, inventors, designers, or engravers of any other works whatsoever of literature and the fine arts, in which the laws of Great Britain and of Prussia do now or may hereafter give their respective subjects the privilege of copyright, and for the lawful representatives or assigns of such authors, inventors, designers, or engravers, with regard to any such works first published within the dominions of Her Majesty:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and by virtue of the authority committed to Her by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the seventh and eighth years of Her reign, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating "to international copyright," doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that, from and after the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the authors, inventors, designers, engravers, and makers of any of the following works (that is to say), books, prints, articles of sculpture, dramatic works, musical compositions, and any other works of literature and the fine arts, in which the laws of Great Britain give to British subjects the privilege of copyright, and the executors, administrators, and assigns of such authors, inventors, designers, engravers, and makers, respectively, shall, as respects works first published within the dominions of Prussia, after the said first day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, have the privilege of copyright therein for a period equal to the term of copyright which authors, inventors, designers, engravers, and makers of the like works, respectively, first published in the United Kingdom are by law entitled to; provided such books, dramatic pieces, musical compositions, prints, articles of sculpture, or other works of art have been registered, and copies thereof have been delivered according to the requirements of the said recited Act, within twelve months after the first publication thereof in any part of the Prussian dominions:

And it is hereby further ordered, that the authors of dramatic pieces and musical compositions which shall, after the said first day of Sep-