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*Buckingham-Palace, August 15, 1850.*

**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, Sir Augustus Clifford, Bart. C.B. Deputy Great Chamberlain, (in the absence of the Lord Willoughby d'Eresby), the Lord Steward of the Household, the Duke of Wellington, Garter King of Arms, and the Yeoman 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, the cap of maintenance by the Marquess of Winchester, and the crown by the Marquess of Lansdowne.

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, James Pulman, Esquire, Yeoman 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 give the Royal Assent to

An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund, and certain other sums, to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to friendly societies.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the tenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, for empowering the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to purchase land for a harbour of refuge and break-water in the Isle of Portland, and to make further provisions for the division and application of the purchase money.

An Act to enlarge and extend the powers of an Act of the ninth and tenth years of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to enable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods to construct a new street from Spitalfields to Shoreditch.

An Act to authorize the transfer of loans for the improvement of land in Ireland to other land.

An Act to repeal the stamp duties on proceedings in the courts of law in Ireland, and to grant certain other stamp duties in lieu thereof.

An Act to continue the Act for amending the laws relating to Savings' Banks in Ireland.

An Act to relieve the Chester and Holyhead Railway Company from contributing towards the expense of the proposed new harbour at Holyhead, and to take away the powers of the said Company in relation to such harbour.

An Act to vest in the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland certain works and rights of the Lough Corrib Improvement Company, and to compensate such Company for the same.

An Act for confirming certain further provisional orders of the General Board of Health.

After which Her Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious speech to both Houses of Parliament:

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I HAVE the satisfaction of being able to release you from the duties of a laborious session.

The assiduity and care with which you have applied yourselves to the business which required your attention merit my cordial approbation.

The Act for the better government of my Australian Colonies will, I trust, improve the condition of those rising communities. It will always be gratifying to me to be able to extend the advantages of representative institutions, which form the glory and happiness of my people, to colonies inhabited by men who are capable of exercising with benefit to themselves the privileges of freedom.

It has afforded me great satisfaction to give my assent to the Act which you have passed for the improvement of the merchant naval service of this country; it is, I trust, calculated to promote the welfare of every class connected with this essential branch of the national interest.

The Act for the gradual discontinuance of interments within the limits of the metropolis is in conformity with those enlightened views which have for their object the improvement of the public health. I shall watch with interest the progress of measures relating to this important subject.

I have given my cordial assent to the Act for the extension of the elective franchise in Ireland. I look to the most beneficial consequences from a measure which has been framed with a view to give to my people in Ireland a fair participation in the benefits of our representative system.