

physical, social, and moral condition of the working classes, which has been found to accompany the application of the Acts to those trades to which they have been hitherto confined.

The restraints alleged to be imposed on workmen and their employers by trade unions and other associations appeared to me to call for inquiry; and the revelations derived from the examinations before the Commission, to which you gave your legislative sanction, have disclosed a state of things which will demand your most earnest attention.

The administration of the poor laws, which generally has conferred great benefit on the community, and especially on the poor themselves, requires constant supervision; and I have readily assented to a Bill which, applied to the metropolis alone, will tend to equalise the pressure of taxation, and improve the treatment of the sick poor, whose condition will be greatly benefited by your well-considered legislation.

The Bill for the regulation of the merchant shipping contains important provisions calculated to add to the health and comfort of those engaged in the mercantile marine.

These and other valuable amendments of the law have been the result of your labours during the present session; and in returning to your homes you will carry with you the gratifying consciousness that your time and pains have not been misapplied, and that they have resulted in a series of measures which I hope, and earnestly pray, may contribute to the welfare of the country, and the contentment and happiness of my people.

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 sixth day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday, the sixth day of November next.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 20th day of *August*, 1867.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, the Honourable Henry George Elliot was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 20th day of *August*, 1867.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the tenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more easy recovery of small

"debts and demands in England," it is, among other things, enacted, that it should be lawful for Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that the said Act be put in force in such county or counties as to Her Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, should seem fit, and to divide the whole or part of any such county (including all counties of cities and counties of towns, cities, boroughs, towns, ports, and places, liberties, and franchises therein contained or thereunto adjoining) into districts; and to order that the County Court should be holden for the recovery of debts and demands, under the said Act, in each of such districts; and, from time to time, to alter such districts, as to Her Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, should seem fit; and, from time to time, with the advice aforesaid, to declare by what name, and in what towns and places the County Court should be holden in each district:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by an Order in Council, of the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, to order that the said Act be put in force in the counties and places therein specified, and the same was put in force accordingly:

And whereas Her Majesty was further pleased, by an Order in Council, of the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, to make certain alterations in the districts of the Courts therein specified.

And whereas by certain other Acts made and passed in the thirteenth in the fourteenth, in the sixteenth, in the twentieth, in the twenty-second, and in the twenty-ninth years of the reign of Her Majesty, the provisions of the said recited Act have been amended and extended:

And whereas it hath been represented, that it would be of advantage to the public, if certain alterations were made in some of the districts of the Courts specified and set forth in the last-mentioned Order:

Her Majesty, having taken the premises into consideration, is thereupon pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the twentieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven:

The parish of Sandiacre, and the chapelry of Risley, shall be in the District of the County Court of Derbyshire, holden at Derby.

The parishes of Greasley, Stapleford, and Trowell, shall be in the District of the County Court of Nottinghamshire, holden at Nottingham.

*Arthur Helps.*

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 20th day of *August*, 1867.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the eighth and ninth years of Her Majesty, chapter seventy; of the Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty chapter ninety-seven; and of the Act of the nineteenth and