

vation of open spaces in the neighbourhood of large towns, and to the increase of the health and comfort of my people.

The serious evils arising from the Pollution of Rivers have long been the subject of public complaint, and I rejoice that you have passed a measure which, by checking those evils, will improve the sanitary condition of the country.

I have observed with much satisfaction the arrangements which you have made for maintaining and increasing the efficiency of the Tribunal of Ultimate Appeal for the United Kingdom, by which, at the same time, the Judicial Committee of my Privy Council and my intermediate Court of Appeal will be improved and strengthened.

I anticipate the best results from the Act which you have passed providing safeguards against painful experiments upon Living Animals.

I regret that pressure of other business has prevented the completion of your labours upon several measures of much importance. Among these I specially notice the Bills relating to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, to the Administration of Prisons, and to the Law affecting Maritime Contracts. I trust, however, that the attention which you have given to these questions in the past session may facilitate their settlement in the next.

In bidding you farewell, I pray that the blessing of Providence may rest on your recent labours, and accompany you in the discharge of all your duties.

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 Tuesday, the thirty-first day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday, the thirty-first day of October next.

**A**T the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 12th day of *August*, 1876.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes hereinafter mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has, under the provisions of an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England beyond the limits of the Metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the Metropolis," made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground should be opened in the undermentioned parishes without the previous consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials

should be discontinued therein, with the following modifications, viz.:—

**SAINT PETER'S, THANET.**—Forthwith wholly beneath the school room of the Baptist Chapel at Saint Peter's, Thanet.

**BISHOPSTOKE.**—Forthwith wholly in the parish church of Bishopstoke; and in the churchyard except in vaults and walled graves, in which each coffin shall be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented, and except in earthen graves not less than four feet deep which can be opened without exposing other coffins or disturbing entire bones.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased hereby to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the twenty-seventh day of September next:

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith published in the London Gazette; and that copies thereof be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before the said twenty-seventh day of September.

*C. L. Peel.*

*Whitehall, August 16, 1876.*

The Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting the dignities of a Viscount and an Earl of the said United Kingdom to the Right Honourable Benjamin Disraeli, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the names, styles, and titles of Viscount Hughenden, of Hughenden, in the county of Buckingham, and Earl of Beaconsfield, in the said county.

*Foreign Office, August 9, 1876.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint William Henry Newman, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Bangkok.

*Crown Office, August 15, 1876.*

MEMBERS returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

*County of the Borough of Carmarthen.*

Emile Algernon Arthur Keppel Cowell Stepney, of Woodend, in the parish of Sunninghill, in the county of Berks, and of the Dell, Llanelly, in the county of Carmarthen, Esq., in the place of Charles William Nevill, Esq., who has accepted the Chiltern Hundreds.

*August 17.*

*County of Rutland.*

The Right Honourable Gerard James Noel, of Oakham, in the county of Rutland, Her Majesty's First Commissioner of Works and Public Buildings.

*Borough of Leeds.*

John Barran, of Chapel Allerton, Leeds, Merchant, in the place of Robert Meek Carter, Esq., who has accepted the Chiltern Hundreds.