

deputed Mr. Charles Nash, the Secretary of the London association, to wait upon the Right Hon. Lord Brougham, and they yet entertain confident hopes of his Lordship's presence on

the occasion; and the following letter was received by the secretary yesterday morning from the Right Hon. Sir Robert Peel, Bart., M.P.:—

'WHITEHALL, GARDENS, February 27.

Sir,—I feel exceedingly gratified by your flattering invitation to attend the forthcoming Anniversary of the Early Closing Society on the 4th of March, and it will afford me much pleasure to give any service to your objects which my presence will promote, provided my engagements will permit my absence from London on that day. I am much obliged by the kind offer which you make for my accommodation during my temporary stay in Manchester, but have arranged with a friend resident in the neighborhood.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. Good, Esq.

ROBERT PEEL.'

The committee are able to rely upon the attendance of most of the guests announced, with the following exceptions: The Right Hon. Thomas B. Macaulay, M. P., and the Hon. William Cowper, M. P. The Secretary has informed us that both these gentlemen have written to him in very earnest terms, expressive of their regret that circumstances which they could not foresee, connected with their official engagements in the Government, oblige them to relinquish all hopes of being present on this interesting occasion. The Right Hon. Thomas B. Macaulay, after expressing at some length, in the most pleasing terms, his sympathy with the objects of the society, concluded by saying, 'Let me beg of you to convey my thanks to the committee for the manner in which they have invited me, and my deep regret that it will be out of my power to be present on this occasion.' It is feared, too, that the continued indisposition of Mr. Daniel O'Connell, M. P., will deprive the committee of his support and presence. The secretary of the committee received a letter on Thursday morning from Mr. Thomas Noon Talford, from which we extract the following: 'I must encounter the painful task of assuring you that my attendance in Manchester on that day is impracticable, unless at the sacrifice of most urgent and imperative duties.'

It must be a source of great disappointment to the committee to lose the support of such an advocate as Mr. Serjeant Talford, but the whole tenor of his letter, which is far too long for insertion here, is so gratifying as almost to compensate for his absence. In addition to this, we learn that on Thursday morning a letter was received unexpectedly from Mr. J. Lewis Ricardo, M. P., stating his regret that his appointment to the committee to investigate the navigation laws will prevent his attendance in Manchester on the approaching anniversary. Yesterday morning, however, we were happy to hear that the secretary had received a letter from the Right Hon. Thomas Milner Gibson, who is the chairman of that committee, in which the right hon. gentleman stated, that if any circumstance should occur to prevent the committee sitting on that day he should have very great pleasure in attending; so that there is hope of both these gentlemen yet being present. However, without these, the names already announced are sufficient to make the approaching reunion one of extraordinary attractiveness.—The names of his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin; the Right Hon. Lord Alfred Paget, M. P.; the Right Hon. Fox Maule, M. P.; General Sir De Lacy Evans, Bart., M. P.; Mr. John Bright, M. P.; Dr. D. B. Reid; Mr. S. C. Hall, F. S. A.; Mr. Doug-