

ENGLAND.
THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

My Lords and Gentlemen:
I am induced by considerations of public policy, to release you at an earlier period than usual from your legislative duties. The usual and diligent discharge of your duties, to which you have applied yourselves to your parliamentary labours, have enabled me, in this comparatively short session, to give my assent to many measures of high importance, and I trust of great and permanent advantage.

I receive from all foreign powers assurances that they are animated by the most friendly dispositions towards this country, and I entertain a confident hope, that the amicable relations lately established between the principal European States may be so firmly established, as under Divine Providence, to secure to the world a long continuance of the blessing of peace; to this great end my attention will be unceasingly directed.

I rejoice that the final settlement of the affairs of Holstein-Schleswig, by the general concurrence of the powers chiefly interested, has removed one cause of recent difference and of future anxiety. The amicable termination to the differences which have taken place between the Sublime Porte and the Pacha of Egypt, affords a guarantee for the tranquillity of the East, and encouragement to the extension of commercial enterprise.

The refusal on the part of the King of Ava of redress justly demanded for insults and injuries offered to my subjects at Rangoon, has necessarily led to an interruption of friendly relations with that country, and the promptitude and vigour with which the Governor-General has taken the measures necessary to be adopted, have merited my entire approbation, and I am confident, that you will participate in the satisfaction with which I have observed the conduct of all the naval and military forces of European India, by whose valor and discipline the important capture of Rangoon and Martaban have been accomplished, and in the hope, which I entertain, that these signal successes may lead to an early and honorable peace.

Treaties have been concluded by my naval commanders with the King of Dahomey and all the African chiefs whose rule extends along the Right of Benue, for the total abolition of the slave trade, which is now wholly suppressed upon that coast.

I had great satisfaction in giving my assent to the measure which you have adopted for the better organization of the militia, a considerable force being limited to purposes of internal defence, but which in the event of any sudden and unforeseen disturbance of my foreign relations, would contribute essentially to the protection and security of my dominions.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:
I thank you for the liberal provisions which you have made for the exigencies of the public service. The expenditure which you have authorized shall be applied with a due regard to efficiency and economy.

The recent discoveries of extensive gold fields have produced in the Australian colonies a temporary disturbance of society requiring prompt attention. I have taken such steps as appear to be more especially necessary for the mitigation of this most serious evil, and shall continue anxiously to watch the important results which must follow from these discoveries.

I have willingly concurred with you in an Act which by rendering available to the service of these colonies the portion arising within them of the hereditary revenue placed at the disposal of Parliament on my accession to the throne, may enable them to meet their necessary increased expenditure.

My Lords and Gentlemen:
I have readily assented to the important bills which you have passed for amending reforms long and anxiously desired in the practice and proceedings of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity, and generally for improving the administration of justice. Every measure which simplifies the forms and diminishes the delay and expense of legal proceedings, without introducing inequality of decision, impairing the authority of the courts, or lowering the high standard of the judicial bench, is a valuable boon conferred upon the community at large.

I hope that the measures which you have adopted for promoting the extramarital interest of the dead, and for improving the supply of water, may be found effectual for the remedy of evils, the existence of which has long been a reproach to the great metropolis, and may conduce to the health and happiness of its inhabitants.

The extension of popular rights and legislative powers to my subjects resident in the colonies, is always to me an object of deep interest; and I trust, that their present native institutions, which I have sanctioned by my assent, will be improved and extended to the benefit and contentment of the population of that distant but most interesting colony and confirm their loyalty and attachment to my crown.

I have, by my intention, without delay, to dissolve this present Parliament, and it is my prayer, that in the exercise of the high functions which, according to our free constitution, may devolve upon the several constituencies, they may be directed by an alacrity and wisdom in the selection of representatives, which will contribute to the honor and dignity of my crown; to uphold the Protestant institutions of the country, and the civil and religious liberty which is their natural right; to extend and improve the national education; to develop and encourage the industry and science, and to elevate the moral and social condition, and thereby promote the welfare and happiness of my people.

UNITED STATES.

LOUISVILLE, July 14.—During a violent storm yesterday at Louisville, Missouri, Mr. Conner, a member of the party of seven negroes eating dinner, were struck by lightning and four of them killed.

The cotton crops of Alabama and Louisiana are doing pretty well; the Louisiana crop is overabundant, and very promising. The sugar cane is doing well, and corn is the finest ever known. The wheat crop of Ohio was never better; that of Pennsylvania is heavily damaged by the recent heavy rains, and that of New Zealand, may promise the welfare and contentment of the population of that distant but most interesting colony and confirm their loyalty and attachment to my crown.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamer Illinois arrived at New York on Thursday last, with San Francisco dates to the 18th June, and \$2,150,000 in debt. Business at San Francisco had been moderate since the sailing of the last steamer. The internal trade was in a prosperous condition, and likely to continue so.

Mr. Moody reconvened took place in the Court of Sessions between Judge Wilson and John H. McKane, a member of the bar, with his friend Henry Cassell. In the notice McKane was stated with a sword drawn by the Judge, who Cassell drew a revolver and fired at the Judge but missed him, the ball hitting and wounding Mr. McDonald. A second ball took effect on the Judge, wounding him slightly. Cassell was committed to prison, and the notice of McKane was dismissed. McKane is likely to recover; but McDonald it is thought, is likely to die. A meeting of the citizens was subsequently called, and a committee appointed to request the Judge to bring Cassell to immediate trial, but Judge Wilson declined to do so.

The letter dated Chicago, July 24, says the cholera has broken out in Chicago, and six deaths have occurred at Miller's station; thirty have died in a few days. The patient is attacked with cramps and paring, and lives about two hours. There is not a white man at work on the whole line. Every day is visited with the same disease, and they are dying there. Some fifteen were buried in one day. An American brigantine lost two men in one night, and sickness is all over the Bay.

Latter news had been received at San Francisco from the Society Islands. The revolution had been successful, having repulsed the royalist's troops, with severe loss on both sides, and reinstated their President. Queen Pomare, hearing of the defeat, went in person to rally her troops, but they were again repulsed, and she had for refuge on board a French frigate.

Advisors from the Sandwich Islands are to May 15. The captain and crew of the American sloop Phantom were massacred by the natives of Chatham Island, and their vessel destroyed. Murders are frequent occurrences in all the Islands of the Gallipagos, among the natives.

CANADA.

SEVERE FIGHT IN CANADA.—A despatch from Buffalo, dated the 10th instant, says that the Orangemen of Hamilton, Canada West, made an expedition to Toronto on the 12th, to celebrate the battle of the Boyes. On their return on the following day, when landing at the wharf of Hamilton, they were attacked by a party of Irish Catholics, and a desperate fight ensued, during which one man was killed and another shot dead.

We see it stated in several of the United States and New Brunswick papers, that the Hon. Daniel Webster, the distinguished American Statesman, contemplated visiting the city of St. John, N. B., and thence proceeded to Shediac, and other places on the shores of the Gulf, for the benefit of his health. It is also rumored that measures have been taken for placing at his disposal H. M. Steam Private *Bernadotte*, at present in the Gulf for the protection of the Fisheries, in which vessel he will have an opportunity of cruising for some time, and it is not improbable that he may pay a visit to Pictou and Charlottetown.—*Est. Chron.*

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1852.

DINNER TO CAPT. SLEIGH.

In our last we gave a list of the Toasts given at this Dinner, we have now the pleasure of giving abstracts of the speeches which preceded and followed them.

The Hon. Charles Hensley, the Chairman, gave the first Toast, accompanied with the following—
GENTLEMEN.—There are probably many here who remember the time when the Chairman of such a meeting as this, on rising to propose that toast, which by the entering loyalty of the British people, has assumed an unvaried precedence on such occasions, must have entertained serious doubts, as to its general acceptability to his hearers. Happily those doubts have long passed away; and that now it is a fitting and poetical extravagance to assert, that the Queen reigns in the hearts of all her subjects. Long may she continue to enjoy and to deserve the affectionate loyalty of a highly intellectual and moral people; and long may we continue to appreciate the blessings we possess under a constitutional monarchy so wisely and popularly administered.

1. Her Majesty the Queen.
The Band playing the National Anthem.
The Hon. W. Swabey, Vice President, proposed the next Toast, prefaced with some remarks suited to the occasion.
2. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.
Ans.—*Las de Gouvie.*

The Third Toast was given by the Chair, with the following very pertinent and sensible observations—
GENTLEMEN.—There is a nation of abandoned talents, energy and enterprise, whose rapid advance in its career of prosperity, and of real power and greatness, fills the world with wonder and admiration. There was a time, when from the little communities, and which the enterprise of his friends Captain Sleigh and other's faults and peculiarities of those great and sterling qualities by which alone a people can achieve and retain a high position among the nations. The perfecting of steam communication by land and by sea, has marvellously hastened the progress of civilization, and that better acquaintance is rapidly ripening into a warm, and I trust, permanent friendship. When we shall take sweet counsel together for the promotion of works and objects mutually advantageous, and all those jealousies and distinctions which have sometimes marred us to regard each other as strangers, shall be absorbed and forgotten in the indulgence and exercise of those gracious courtesies which we commonly reserve for chosen and cherished friends.
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This occasion is one to celebrate the extension of the commercial intercourse with the United States—a nation for whom I entertain the most sincere and lively regard of lasting friendship—a people whose intelligence, ability, greatness, no other can equal, nor can surpass. Nations themselves and Saxons ourselves—a nation has arisen in this western world, the brilliant effulgence of whose glory no future destiny can cloud. I regret, that the Fisheries of our coast, should offer for one second, a topic of uncertainty or misunderstanding, and while treaties between nations have decided, ratified and confirmed by the Plenipotentiaries of the respective powers, can we be accused of precipitancy or a desire to act unjustly, if we require those rights to be respected. 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