

The inference is, that the United States may go on and make the conquest of California, with no one to make them afraid.

#### PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

On the 23th ult. Parliament was prorogued by commission.

The Lord Chancellor in a clear voice read the following speech from her Majesty:—

*"My Lords and Gentlemen,*

"We are commanded by her Majesty to express to you the warm acknowledgments of her Majesty for the public spirit you have evinced in the discharge of your laborious duties during an anxious and protracted session.

"Her Majesty trusts that you will be rewarded by witnessing the beneficial results of the measures which have been sanctioned by her Majesty for the present relaxation and ultimate repeal of protective duties on corn and sugar.

"Her Majesty entertains a confident hope that the more free admission of the produce of foreign countries into the home market will increase the comforts and better the condition of the great body of the people.

"Her Majesty feels the greatest satisfaction in reflecting that Her Majesty's efforts to settle, in a manner consistent with national honour, the conflicting claims of Great Britain and the United States, with respect to the territory on the North West Coast of America, have been completely successful.

"Her Majesty continues to receive from all Foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their desire to cultivate friendly relations with this country.

"Her Majesty commands us to congratulate you on the victorious course and happy conclusion of the war in India, and her Majesty has much gratification in announcing to you that perfect tranquillity prevails throughout the whole of the British possessions in that quarter of the world.

*"Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

"Her Majesty has observed with satisfaction the care you have taken to prevent permanent loss to the revenue and to maintain the public faith.

"Her Majesty has commanded us to acknowledge the zeal and unanimity with which you assented to the increase in the naval and military estimates which a regard to the exigencies of the public service induced Her Majesty to propose for your consideration.

*"My Lords and Gentlemen,*

"Her Majesty has to lament that a recurrence of a failure in the potato crop, in an aggravated degree, will cause a serious deficiency in the quantity of a material article of food.

"Her Majesty has given her cordial assent to measures by which this calamity may be mitigated in that part of the United Kingdom where the cultivation of the potato has hitherto afforded the chief supply for subsistence of the people.

"Her Majesty has seen with pleasure that a considerable diminution of crime and outrage has taken place in those Counties of Ireland which had been most disturbed.

"Her Majesty is confident that on your return to your several Counties, you will find a spirit of loyalty generally prevalent. The extension of works of improvement has increased the demand for labour, and the tranquillity of the country has favoured the pursuits of industry in all its branches.

"Her Majesty trusts that by a combination of prudence with enterprise, and a willing obedience to law, with a desire for social progress, her people will, through the Divine blessing, enjoy the full advantages of peace."

The noble and learned Lord then, in Her Majesty's name and by Her Majesty's command, declared the Parliament prorogued until Wednesday the 4th of November.

Viscount Falkland had an audience of the Queen on Thursday last, at Osborne House, on his return from his government of Nova Scotia. The noble Viscount also had the honor to kiss hands on being appointed Captain of the Yeoman Guard, and received from Her Majesty his gold stick of office.

The Steamship *Hibernia*, arrived at Liverpool on the 28th ult. after an excellent passage of 11½ days.

The "Great Western" Steamship, from New York, commanded by Captain Matthews, arrived at Liverpool, September 3, after a remarkably pleasant passage of 14 days.

THE BRITISH NAVY.—The present Lords of the Admiralty have issued new regulations for the retirement of Officers of the navy, and extended the time to October 1. Officers not in Europe who may be desirous of accepting the retirement, will not be excluded in consequence of their letters not reaching the Admiralty before the 1st of October next, as a reasonable time will be allowed for such applications.

THE COBDEN TESTIMONIAL.—The subscription for this object has now reached the enormous sum of £70,000. Contributed by Manchester, £25,000; London, £12,000; Liverpool, £9,000; Birmingham, £2,000; Leeds, £1,000; Bristol, £1,000. From an analysis of the subscriptions, it appeared there were four of £1,000 each, one £800, one £750, eleven £500, six £400, eight £300, seventeen £250, one £240, twenty six £200, one £810,

nine £150, one £125, four £105, seventy seven £100, and a great number of smaller sums. The sums under £5, amounted to £412 12s 3d.

It is reported that seals are making horrid ravages upon the salmon fisheries in Scotland this season, and that every effort to arrest their destructive progress has hitherto been unsuccessful.

#### FOREIGN.

The latest accounts from Paris, it will be seen, announce the fact that the Queen of Spain has at length been provided with a husband, and not only has the Sovereign found a helpmate, but her sister, the Infanta, aged thirteen, has been equally fortunate—Isabella is to marry her cousin, the Duke de Cadiz, eldest son of Don Francisco; and her sister is to be united to the youngest son of Louis Philippe, the Duke de Montpensier.

Conservative Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the French Chambers have been elected by large majorities, and the ministry, it is clear, has a working majority of 120. Henri's trial has terminated in his imprisonment for life. The *Constitutionnel* has changed hands, and become the property of a Paris banker. The purchasers, report says, are a number of Protectionists, who desire to oppose, in the press, the Free-trade principles of the semi-official journal *Des Debats*. The affair is significant of the struggle which has just been fought and won in England. The recent visit of Mr. Cobden to Paris, may, it is possible have given a fillip to the cause with which his name is connected.

Ibrahim Pacha has reached Constantinople in good health and spirits, pleased with the trip to Europe—pleased, more especially, with the marked attention which he met with in England. It is said, but the statement appears too absurd for credence, that the Sultan entertains the hope, on the death of Mehemet Ali, of wresting the sovereignty of Egypt from Ibrahim, his successor, and that the dynasty of the old warrior is by no means so firmly established as he may imagine. The empire of the Sultan, which is crumbling to pieces from inherent weakness, is the last in the world likely to give much annoyance to the present or proximate ruler of Egypt.

Accounts from Smyrna state that no less than ten piratical vessels are cruising along the coast of Asia Minor.

Letters recently received from Jerusalem state that all Palestine is a prey to the horrors of famine, caused by the drying up of the rivers and streams. At Safet, numerous persons had died for want of food.

The Russian Government has just declared the Polish Provinces of Wilna, Kowno, and Grodno, to be under martial law, the command of the coercing army being given to General Paskewitsch Eriwanski.

From recent returns, lately published in a Spanish journal, it appears that the Spanish navy consists of 55 vessels or ships of war armed with 820 guns, and manned by 4,751 men.

The income of Great Britain, ending the 5th January, 1844, 1845, and 1846, was £56,935,022, £58,590,217, and £57,602,268, whilst the expenditure was £55,501,740, £55,103,647, and £53,873,063.

#### LIVERPOOL TIMBER TRADE, SEPT. 4.

*American Pine Timber.*—Of St. John, early in the month, one cargo of nearly 20 inches average, was sold from the yard at 18d, and one of 18½ inches, at 17½ per foot. From the quay, one cargo, said to have been 21 inches, (but afterwards found not to be so,) was sold at 19½, with stowage at reduced rates; another part of a cargo of 144 logs, of 20¼ inches was sold by itself at 20d per foot; one large cargo of same size, without stowage, also at 20d; another of 20¾ inches, at 20¼d per foot, with stowage at full prices; and the last sale was of a cargo of better than 20¼ inches at 19½d—the beam fillings, which would reduce the average to about 19 inches, being sold at a different price. Of St. Andrews, a parcel was sold at 16d, and a cargo of Dalhousie, at 15d per foot.

*Red Pine.*—St. John has been sold at 12d per foot.

*Masts and Spars.*—A few Halifax Spruce Spars have been sold at 13½d to 14½d per foot, and some old Quebec Masts, at 18d per foot calliper. *Birch.*—St. John, with cargo, has been sold at 14d per foot; P. E. Island and Nova Scotia, at same price, and some good St. Andrew's, at 15d per foot. *Spruce Timber.*—A large parcel was sold, with cargo, at 13d per foot.

*New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Fir Planks and Boards.*—With cargo, St. John Spruce have been sold at 2d, and in one instance at 2½d per foot of 2 inches, and Boards at 1 3-8d per foot of inch—apart in the cargo they have been sold at 2d 7-16ths to 2½d; Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, at 2½d; Miramichi Yellow, at 2½d; and a cargo of the latter mixed, Spruce and Yellow, at 2 3-8d per foot. *Staves* of all kinds are most difficult of sale.

#### Married.

On Saturday the 5th instant, at Milton, Massachusetts, by the Reverend Edward Otheman, M. A., the Reverend Humphrey Pickard, M. A., Principal of the Wesleyan Academy, Mount Allison, New Brunswick, to Miss Mary Rowe Carr, of the former place.

At Mougerville, on Wednesday last, the 16th instant, by the Reverend J. M. Sterling, M. A., David McGibbon, Esquire, of the Parish of Douglas, to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of C. L. Hatheway, Esquire, of Mougerville.

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