

that steady confidence in the law and that desire to render assistance in its effective administration, which mark Her subjects in general; and thus will aid in consolidating the fabric of the Empire.

We are further directed by Her Majesty to state that many other subjects of public importance appear to demand your care; and among these especially to inform you that a Bill has been prepared for the enlargement, on a comprehensive scale, of the means of National Education.

In fulfilment of an engagement to the Government of the United States, a Bill will be proposed to you for the purpose of defining the status of subjects or citizens of foreign countries who may desire naturalization, and of aiding them in the attainment of that object.

You will further be invited to consider Bills, prepared in compliance with the Report of the Commission on Courts of Judicature, for the improvement of the constitution and procedure of the Superior Tribunals of both original and appellate jurisdiction.

The question of religious tests in the Universities and Colleges of Oxford and Cambridge has been under discussion for many years. Her Majesty recommends such a legislative settlement of this question as may contribute to extend the usefulness of these great institutions, and to heighten the respect with which they are justly regarded.

Bills have been prepared for extending the incidence of rating, and for placing the collection of the large sums locally raised for various purposes on a simple and uniform footing.

Her Majesty has likewise to recommend that you should undertake the amendment of the laws which regulate the grant of licences for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors.

Measures will also be brought under your consideration for facilitating the transfer of land, for regulating the succession to real property in case of intestacy, for amending the laws as to the disabilities of members of Trade Combinations, and for both consolidating and improving the body of statutes which relate to merchant shipping.

While commending to you these weighty matters of legislation, Her Majesty commands us to add, that the recent extension of agrarian crime in several parts of Ireland, with its train of accompanying evils, has filled Her Majesty with painful concern.

The Executive Government has employed freely the means at its command for the prevention of outrage, and a partial improvement may be observed. But although the number of offences, within this class of crime, has been by no means so great as at some former periods, the indisposition to give evidence in aid of the administration of justice has been alike remarkable and injurious.

For the removal of such evils, Her Majesty places Her main reliance on the permanent operation of wise and necessary changes in the law. Yet she will not hesitate to recommend to you the adoption of special provisions, should such a policy appear, during the course of the session, to be required by the paramount interest of peace and order.

Upon these and all other subjects Her Majesty devoutly prays that your labours may be constantly attended by the blessing of Almighty God.

[This Order is substituted for that which was published in the Gazette of the 8th instant.]

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 5th day of *February*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the 410th section of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854" it is enacted "that upon the completion of any new lighthouse, buoy, or beacon, Her Majesty may by Order in Council fix such dues in respect thereof, to be paid by the master or owner of every ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable, and may from time to time alter the amount thereof, and that such dues shall be paid and collected in the same manner, by the same means and subject to the same conditions, in, by and subject to which the light dues authorized to be levied by the said Act are paid and collected:"

And whereas the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond have erected a new lighthouse on the Wolf Rock, off the Land's End, in the county of Cornwall, and a light is already exhibited therein:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct that, from and after the date of the present Order, there shall be paid in respect of the said lighthouse for every vessel, whether British or foreign, which may pass or derive benefit from such light, the toll of four-sixteenths of a penny per ton of the burden of every such vessel for each time of passing or deriving benefit therefrom if on an oversea voyage, and one-sixteenth of a penny per ton of the burden of every such vessel for each time of passing or deriving benefit therefrom if on a coasting voyage.

The said tolls shall be levied by the Corporation of the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, subject to the regulations and exceptions contained in the New Consolidated Table of Light Dues, sanctioned by an Order in Council, dated the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and to the gross abatement or discount of fifty per cent. mentioned in an Order in Council, dated the twenty-ninth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

*Arthur Helps.*

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At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 5th day of *February*, 1870.

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 twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-five, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a representation, bearing date the second