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*Westminster, November 18.*

**H**IS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Henry Belden, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**T**HE just Concern, which I have felt in My own Breast, on the sudden Death of the late King, my Royal Grandfather, makes Me not doubt, but you must all have been deeply affected with so severe a Loss. The present critical, and difficult, Conjunction has made this Loss the more sensible, as He was the great Support of that System, by which alone the Liberties of Europe, and the Weight, and Influence, of these Kingdoms, can be preserved; and gave Life to the Measures, conducive to those Important Ends.

I need not tell you the Addition of Weight, which immediately falls upon Me, in being called to the Government of this Free, and Powerful, Country, at such a Time, and under such Circumstances. My Consolation is in the Uprightness of My own Intentions; your faithful, and united, Assistance, and the Blessing of Heaven, upon Our joint Endeavours, which I devoutly implore.

Born and educated in this Country, I glory in the Name of Briton; and the peculiar Happiness of My Life will ever consist in promoting the Welfare of a People, whose Loyalty; and warm Affection, to Me, I consider, as the greatest, and most permanent, Security of My Throne; and I doubt not but their Steadiness in those Principles, will equal, the Firmness of My invariable Resolution to adhere to, and strengthen, this excellent Constitution in Church, and State; and to maintain the Toleration inviolable. The Civil, and Religious, Rights of My Loving Subjects, are equally dear to Me, with the most Valuable Prerogatives of My Crown; and, as the surest Foundation of the Whole, and the best Means to draw down the Divine Favor on My Reign, it is My fixed Purpose to Countenance, and Encourage, the Practice of True Religion, and Virtue.

I reflect, with Pleasure, on the Successes, with which the British Arms have prospered this last Summer. The total Reduction of the vast Province of Canada, with the City of Montreal, is of the most Interesting Consequence; and must be as heavy a Blow to my Enemies, as it is a Conquest glorious to Us; The more Glorious, because effected, almost without Effusion of Blood, and with that Humanity, which makes an amiable Part of the Character of this Nation.

Our Advantages gained in the East Indies have been signal, and must greatly diminish the Strength, and Trade, of France, in those Parts, as well as procure the most solid Benefits, to the Commerce, and Wealth, of My Subjects.

In Germany, where the whole French Force has been employed, the Combined Army, under the Wise, and Able, Conduct of My General, Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, has not only stopt their Progress, but has gained Advantages over them, notwithstanding their boasted Superiority; and their not having hitherto come to a General Engagement.

My Good Brother and Ally, the King of Prussia, although surrounded with Numerous Armies of Enemies, has, with a Magnanimity, and Perseverance, almost beyond Example, not only withstood their various Attacks, but has obtained very considerable Victories over them.

Of these Events, I shall say no more at this Time, because the Nature of the War in those Parts, has kept the Campaign there still depending.

As My Navy is the Principal Article of Our Natural Strength, It gives Me much Satisfaction to receive It, in such good Condition; whilst the Fleet of France is weakened to such a Degree, that the small Remains of it; have continued blocked up by My Ships in their own Ports. At the same Time the French Trade is reduced to the lowest Ebb; and with Joy of Heart, I see the Commerce of My Kingdoms, that great Source of Our Riches, and fixed Object, of My never failing Care and Protection, flourishing to an Extent, unknown in any former War.

The Valour, and Intrepidity, of My Officers, and Forces, both at Sea, and Land, have been distinguished so much, to the Glory of this Nation; that I should be wanting in Justice to Them, if I did not acknowledge It: This is a Merit, which I shall constantly encourage; and reward: And I take this Occasion to declare, that the zealous, and useful, Service of the Militia, in the present arduous Conjunction, is very acceptable to Me.

In this State I have found Things; at My Accession to the Throne of My Ancestors; Happy in viewing the prosperous Part of It; Happier still should I have been; had I found My Kingdoms; whose true Interest I have entirely at Heart, in full Peace: But since the Ambition; injurious Encroachments; and dangerous Designs, of My Enemies; rendered the War both just, and necessary; and the generous Overture made last Winter, towards a Congress for a Pacification, has not yet produced a suitable Return, I am determined, with your cheerful, and powerful, Assistance, to prosecute this War with Vigor, in order to that desirable Object, a safe, and honorable Peace. For this Purpose, It is absolutely incumbent upon Us, to be early prepared, and I rely upon your Zeal, and hearty Concurrence, to support the King of