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Westminster, November 6.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Septimus Robinson, Knt. 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,

AT the Opening of the First Parliament, summoned and elected under My Authority, I with Pleasure take Notice of an Event, which has made Me compleatly happy, and given universal Joy to My loving Subjects. My Marriage with a Princess, eminently distinguished by every Virtue, and amiable Endowment, whilst it affords Me all possible domestick Comfort, cannot but highly contribute to the Happiness of My Kingdoms; which has been, and always shall be, My First Object in every Action of My Life.

It has been My earnest Wish, that this first Period of My Reign might be marked with another Felicity; the restoring of the Blessings of Peace to My People, and putting an End to the Calamities of War, under which so great a Part of Europe suffers. But though Overtures were made to Me, and My good Brother and Ally the King of Prussia, by the several Belligerent Powers, in Order to a general Pacification, for which Purpose a Congress was appointed; and Propositions were made to Me by France for a particular Peace with that Crown, which were followed by an actual Negotiation; yet that Congress hath not hitherto taken Place, and the Negotiation with France is entirely broken off.

The Sincerity of My Disposition to effectuate this good Work has been manifested in the Progress of it; and I have the Consolation to reflect, that the Continuance of the War, and the farther Effusion of Christian Blood, to which it was the Desire of My Heart to put a Stop, cannot with Justice be imputed to Me.

Our Military Operations have been in no Degree suspended or delayed; and it has pleased God to grant Us farther important Successes, by the Conquests of the Islands of Belleisle and Dominica; and by the Reduction of Pondichery, which hath in a Manner annihilated the French Power in the East Indies. In other Parts, where the Enemy's Numbers were greatly superior, their principal Designs and Projects have been generally disappointed, by a Conduct which does the highest Honour to the distinguished Capacity of My General Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, and by the Valour of My Troops. The Magnanimity and Ability of the King of Prussia have eminently appeared, in resisting such numerous Armies, and surmounting so great Difficulties.

In this Situation, I am glad to have an Opportunity of receiving the truest Information of the Sense of My People, by a new Choice of their Representatives. I am fully persuaded you will agree with Me in Opinion, that the steady Exertion of Our most vigorous Efforts, in every Part where the Enemy may still be attacked with Advantage, is the only Means that can be productive of such a Peace, as may with

Reason be expected from Our Successes. It is therefore My fixed Resolution, with your Concurrence and Support, to carry on the War in the most effectual Manner for the Interest and Advantage of My Kingdoms; and to maintain, to the utmost of My Power, the good Faith and Honour of My Crown, by adhering firmly to the Engagements entered into with My Allies. In this I will persevere, until My Enemies, moved by their own Losses and Distresses, and touched with the Miseries of so many Nations, shall yield to the equitable Conditions of an honourable Peace; in which Case, as well as in the Prosecution of the War, I do assure you, no Consideration whatever shall make Me depart from the true Interests, of these My Kingdoms, and the Honour and Dignity of My Crown.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am heartily sorry, that the Necessity of large Supplies appears so clearly from what has already been mentioned. The proper Estimates for the Services of the ensuing Year shall be laid before you; and I desire you to grant Me such Supplies, as may enable Me to prosecute the War with Vigour, and as your own Welfare and Security, in the present critical Conjuncture, require; that We may happily put the last Hand to this great Work. Whatsoever you give, shall be duly and faithfully applied.

I dare say your affectionate Regard for Me and the Queen makes you go before Me in what I am next to mention; that making an adequate and honourable Provision for Her Support in case She should survive Me. This is what not only Her Royal Dignity, but Her own Merit calls for; and I earnestly recommend it to your Consideration.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have such a Confidence in the Zeal and good Affections of this Parliament, that I think it quite superfluous to use any Exhortations to excite you to a right Conduct. I will only add, That there never was a Situation in which Unanimity, Firmness and Dispatch were more necessary for the Safety, Honour, and true Interest of Great Britain.

AT the Council Chamber Whitehall, the 7th Day of November, 1761,

P R E S E N T,

The Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

This Day His Grace Robert Lord Arch Bishop of York, and the Right Reverend Thomas Lord Bishop of London, were, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took their Places at the Board accordingly.

Dublin Castle, October 24.

The Houses of Lords and Commons having unanimously resolved upon humble and dutiful Addresses to His Majesty, the same, together with Addresses from both Houses to the Lord Lieutenant, were this Day presented to his Excellency, and, with his Excellency's Answers, are as follow.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament