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Westminster, January 19.

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

IHAVE so often assured you of My sincere Disposition, to put an End to the Calamities of War, and to restore the Publick Tranquillity, on solid and lasting Foundations, that no impartial Person either at Home, or Abroad, can suspect Me of unnecessarily kindling a new War in Europe. But, it is with Concern, I acquaint you, that, since your Recess, I have found Myself indispensably obliged to declare War against Spain. The Causes are set forth in my Publick Declaration on this Occasion; And therefore I shall not detain you with the Repetition of them. My own Conduct, since My Accession to the Throne, as well as that of the late King, My Royal Grandfather, towards Spain, has been so full of Good-will, and Friendship; So averse to the laying hold of several just Grounds of Complaint, which might have been alledged; And so attentive to the Advantages of the Catholick King, and his Family; That it was Matter of the greatest Surprize to Me, to find, that Engagements had, in this Conjunction, been entered into between that Crown, and France; and a Treaty made, to unite all the Branches of the House of Bourbon, in the most ambitious, and dangerous Designs against the Commerce, and Independency, of the rest of Europe; and particularly of My Kingdoms.

Whatever Colours may be endeavoured to be put upon these Injurious Proceedings of the Court of Madrid, I have nothing to reproach Myself with: And, though I have left nothing untried, that could have prevented this Rapture, I have thought it necessary to prepare against every Event. I therefore rely on the Divine Blessing on the Justice of My Cause; The zealous, and powerful, Assistance of My faithful Subjects; And the Concurrence of My Allies, who must find themselves involved in the pernicious, and extensive, Projects of My Enemies.

I leave these Considerations with you, full of the justest Confidence, That the Honor of My Crown, and the Interests of My Kingdoms, are safe in your Hands.

[Price Three Pence.]

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 14th Day of *December*, 1761.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty Second Day of July last, to promise and declare, (amongst other Things) That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every ordinary Seaman, should be paid to every such able and ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should, on or before the Twelfth Day of September last, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy. And that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings should be paid to every able bodied Landman not above the Age of Thirty Five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should, on or before the said Twelfth Day of September, in like Manner voluntarily enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy; and that a Reward of Two Pounds for every able, and Thirty Shillings for every ordinary Seaman, should be paid to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who should secret themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service. And whereas the Time limited for paying the said Bounties and Rewards hath been extended to the Twelfth Day of this Instant December; And it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, that the same should be continued for some longer Time; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, be prolonged and extended from the said Twelfth Day of this Instant December, to the Thirty First Day of January next inclusive. Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Hen. Fane.

St. James's, January 19.

The following Address of the Sheriff, Nobility, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County Palatine of Lancaster, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Ellis Cunliffe, Bart. one of the Representatives in Parliament for the Borough of Liverpoole, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Sheriff, the Nobility, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

CONDESCEND, most gracious Sovereign, to accept our dutiful and sincere Congratulations on the happy and auspicious Event of your Majesty's Marriage;