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THIS Day the Parliament having met according to the Prorogation, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Archibald Edmonstone, Esq; Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from his Excellency to the House of Commons, signifying his Pleasure that they should immediately attend his Excellency in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with the utmost Satisfaction, that, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, I am now to meet a Parliament which has already given so many and such very distinguished Proofs of its Zeal and Unanimity in the Support and Service of the Crown.

I have it expressly in Command from His Majesty to declare to you His entire Approbation of your past Conduct, and to assure you, that the whole Course of your late Proceedings has filled His Royal Mind with every Sentiment of Regard which can flow from a just and gracious Sovereign towards a dutiful and a loyal People.

It is with particular Satisfaction I communicate to you, at the Opening of this Session of Parliament, those great and important Events which have occurred since your last Meeting.

By the Conclusion of a general Peace, the Tranquillity of every Part of Europe is perfectly re-established; His Majesty's Dominions are enlarged; the Commerce of His Subjects is extended; and you are, at Length, relieved from those Burdens which are unavoidable in the Progress even of the most successful War.

Interested as you are, in the Happiness of so excellent a Sovereign, and sensible, as you have ever been, of the inestimable Public Blessings which you have enjoyed, under His illustrious House; you will receive with Pleasure, the Information of the auspicious Birth of the Prince of Wales, and of the further Increase of the Royal Family, by the Birth of a second Prince: Events, which promise such an Addition to His Majesty's domestic Felicity, and such a lasting Security to our happy Constitution.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Officers to prepare the several Accounts and Estimates, that they may be laid, in due Time, before you: You will observe that, although, from the Exigencies of several extraordinary Services, the Expences of the two preceding Years have considerably exceeded what was usual in Times of Peace, yet they are fallen far short of the Sums which were so liberally voted in the last Session; a great Part of which still remains unborrowed: His Majesty having determined to make use of the Credit given to His Government in no other Proportion than as the Necessity of His Service exactly required. I consider it as extremely fortunate that I enter upon the Government of this Kingdom, at a Time, when the Situation of Public

Affairs will permit so very considerable a Diminution of the Public Expences; and when I am commanded by His Majesty to thank you only for your past Efforts, without again having Recourse to the experienced Liberality of Parliament. I have nothing to ask but the Continuance of the Supplies for the Support of the Ordinary Establishments, which, it is hoped, will not exceed the Produce of the Ordinary Revenue; and I recommend to you a proper Attention to the Reduction of the Public Debt.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Not only my Duty, but my earnest good Wishes for the Prosperity of Ireland, oblige me to take this Opportunity of mentioning to you the only unpleasant Circumstance which has occurred since my Entrance upon this Government; the tumultuous Risings of the lower People, in Contempt of Laws, and of Magistracy, and of every constitutional Subordination, must, if not duly attended to, be productive of the most fatal Consequences: They are a Disgrace to a Country of Liberty; they are ruinous to a Country of Commerce; and must be particularly fatal here, where the least Check to the rising Spirit of Industry is so very sensibly felt, and so very difficult to be retrieved: No Means can serve more effectually to prevent these Disorders for the future, than the Encouragement of such Institutions as tend to impress on the Minds of the lower Order of People, early Habits of Industry, and true Principles of Religion: For this Purpose your Protestant Charter-Schools were established; to which I therefore recommend the Continuance of your Care, Encouragement and Support:—Your Linen Manufacture demands and will reward every Instance of public Attention; there is nothing which can more properly excite your future Endeavours, and nothing has more fully answered your former Expectations: This Manufacture has been, at all Times, the favourite Object of Parliamentary Encouragement; and I should be concerned that any National Advantage which has been cultivated under the Administration of my Predecessors should be neglected under mine: Be assured you cannot take any Measures which will be more grateful to His Majesty, and which I shall be more solicitous to forward, than those which may, in any Respect, advance the growing Prosperity of this very improveable Country:—If therefore, any of your Manufactures may be further extended; if any Thing can be done towards exciting the Spirit, or providing the Means of Industry; if any Improvements in Agriculture can be introduced, upon wise and practicable Principles; and in every Thing that tends to the Encouragement of Virtue, or the promoting of true Religion, you will have towards the Attainment of those Ends, not only my zealous Co-operation, but His Majesty's steady and willing Protection:—I come to this Government with the King's express Commands, and my own very warm Inclination to recommend and to support such Measures:—His Majesty has the firmest Reliance on your experienced Duty and Loyalty; on your unbiassed Regard to the Public; and He doubts not that this Session of Parliament will be carried