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Westminster, March 10.

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 Francis Molyneux, 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 give the Royal Assent to

An Act for raising a certain Sum of Money, by Way of Annuities, and a Lottery attended with Annuities, to be charged on the Sinking Fund; and for carrying certain Duties on Wines, and on Cyder and Perry, granted by Two Acts of the Third and Sixth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, to the said Fund.

An Act for granting to His Majesty a certain Sum of Money out of the Sinking Fund; and for applying certain Monies, therein mentioned, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight; and for further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.

An Act for carrying into Execution an Agreement, made between the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, and the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the said City, and Stamp Brooksbank, Esquire, Secretary to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue of Excise, for the Purchase of Gresham College, and the Ground and Buildings thereunto belonging; and for vesting the same unalienably in the Crown, for the Purpose of erecting and building an Excise-Office there; and for enabling the Lecturers of the said College to marry, notwithstanding any Restriction contained in the Will of Sir Thomas Gresham, Knight, deceased.

And to Eighteen Private Bills.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

THE Readiness with which you entered into the Views I recommended to you at the Opening of this Session, and the Assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the Dispatch of the Publick Business, give Me great Satisfac-

tion. At the same Time, the affectionate Concern you have shewn for the Welfare of your Fellow Subjects, by the salutary Laws passed for their Relief in respect to the high Price of Provisions, cannot fail of securing to you their most grateful Regard.

I have nothing new to communicate to you in relation to Foreign Affairs. The apparent Interests of the several Powers in Europe, as well as the express Assurances I have received from them, leave Me no Room to doubt of their Disposition to preserve the general Tranquility. And, on My Part, you may rest assured, that every Measure that is consistent with the Honour of My Crown, and the Rights of My Subjects, shall be steadily directed to that most salutary Purpose.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

Your Cheerfulness in granting the necessary Supplies, and your Attention to the Ease of My good Subjects in the Manner of raising them, equally demand my Acknowledgments. I see, with Pleasure, that you have been able to prosecute your Plan for the Diminution of the National Debt, without laying any additional Burthen upon My People.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

As the Time limited by Law for the Expiration of this Parliament now draws near, I have resolved forthwith to issue My Proclamation for dissolving it, and for calling a new Parliament. But I cannot do this, without having first returned you My Thanks, for the many signal Proofs you have given of the most affectionate Attachment to My Person, Family, and Government, the most faithful Attention to the Publick Service, and the most earnest Zeal for the Preservation of Our Excellent Constitution. When, by the vigorous Support which you gave Me during the War, I had been enabled, under the Divine Providence, to restore to My People the Blessings of Peace, you continued to exert yourselves, with equal Alacrity and Steadiness, in pursuing every Measure that could contribute to the Maintenance of the Publick Safety and Tranquility; which you well understood could no otherwise be preserved, than by establishing, on a respectable Foundation, the Strength, the Credit, and the Commerce of the Nation. The large

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