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*Westminster, November 8.*

**T**HIS 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 make the following most gracious Speech.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**T**HE Opportunity which the late General Election gives Me of knowing, from their Representatives in Parliament, the more immediate Sense of My People, has made Me desirous of meeting you as early as could be consistent with your own Convenience.

The Shortness of the last Session of the late Parliament prevented their prosecuting the Consideration of those great Commercial Interests which had been entered upon in the preceding Session. You will, I am persuaded, agree with Me in Opinion, that your Deliberations on those very important Objects ought to be resumed without Loss of Time; and I trust, that they will terminate in such Measures, as may be productive of the most considerable and essential Benefits to this Nation.

It would have given Me great Satisfaction to have been able to acquaint you, that all the other Powers of Europe had been as careful, as I have ever been, to avoid the Taking any Step that might endanger the General Tranquility. I have constantly received, and do still receive, from them, the strongest Assurances of their pacifick Dispositions towards this Country. No Assurances however shall divert my constant Resolution stedfastly to attend to the General Interests of Europe; nor shall any Consideration prevail upon Me to suffer any Attempt that may be made derogatory to the Honour and Dignity of My Crown, or injurious to the Rights of My People.

At the Close of the last Parliament, I expressed My Satisfaction at the Appearances which

then induced Me to believe, that such of My Subjects as had been misled in some Parts of My Dominions were returning to a just Sense of their Duty; but it is with equal Concern that I have since seen that Spirit of Faction, which I had hoped was well nigh extinguished, breaking out afresh in some of My Colonies in North America; and, in one of them, proceeding even to Acts of Violence, and of Resistance to the Execution of the Law. The Capital Town of which Colony appears, by late Advices, to be in a State of Disobedience to all Law and Government; and has proceeded to Measures subversive of the Constitution, and attended with Circumstances that might manifest a Disposition to throw off their Dependence on Great Britain. On My Part, I have pursued every Measure that appeared to be necessary for supporting the Constitution, and inducing a due Obedience to the Authority of the Legislature. You may rely upon My steady Perseverance in these Purposes; and I doubt not but that, with your Concurrence and Support, I shall be able to defeat the mischievous Designs of those turbulent and seditious Persons, who, under false Pretences, have but too successfully deluded Numbers of My Subjects in America; and whose Practices, if suffered to prevail, cannot fail to produce the most fatal Consequences to My Colonies immediately; and, in the End, to all the Dominions of My Crown.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

The proper Estimates, for the Service of the ensuing Year, I have ordered to be laid before you, fully relying on your Readiness to grant Me the necessary Supplies. Indeed I cannot have a Doubt of finding in this House of Commons the same affectionate Attachment to My Person and Government, as I have always hitherto experienced from My faithful Commons.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is with great Satisfaction that I now find Myself enabled to rejoice with you, upon the Relief which the poorer Sort of My People are now enjoying, from the Distress which they had so long laboured under from the high Price of Corn.

[ Price Three-Pence. ]

