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His Excellency George, Lord Viscount Townshend, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland, his Speech to both Houses of Parliament, at Dublin, on Tuesday the 26th Day of December, 1769.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**T**HE Attention you have shewn to the great Objects which have been particularly recommended by me to your Consideration, and the Provisions which have been made for the Safety and Security of this Kingdom, call upon me not only to express my Approbation of, but to thank you, as I now do, for your Conduct in these Particulars.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

It is with great Pleasure that I thank you, in His Majesty's Name, for the Supplies which you have granted, and the Provision which you have made, for the present Establishment, the public Credit, and the Safety of this Kingdom.

When I first met you in Parliament, as I knew, and could rely upon it, that nothing could move from His Majesty but what would be expressive of His constant and ardent Desire to maintain and preserve every Constitutional Right to His People, I little thought that any Thing would happen, during the Course of this Session, that could possibly affect the just Rights of His Majesty, and of the Crown of Great Britain, so as to afford His Majesty any just Cause of Dissatisfaction, and make it necessary for me, specially, to assert and vindicate those Rights.

It is therefore with great Concern that I have seen and observed, in the Votes and Journals of the House of Commons, printed by your Order, a late Proceeding by you, of such a Nature, and of such Effect, with respect to the Rights of His Majesty, and the Crown of Great Britain, as to make it necessary for me, on this Day, and in this Place, to take Notice of, and animadvert thereupon: I mean, the Vote and Resolution of the twenty-first Day of November last, by which you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, declare, that a Bill, intituled, An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties, Rates, Impositions and Taxes, therein particularly expressed, to be applied to the Payment of the Interest of the Sums therein provided for, and towards the Discharge of the said Principal Sums, in such Manner as is therein directed, which had been duly certified from hence to His Majesty, and, by His Majesty, had been transmitted in due Form, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, and which had been read a first Time by you, and which was rejected by you on that Day, was so rejected, because it did not take its Rise in your House.

This Vote, and this Resolution of yours, declaring that the said Bill was rejected, because it did not take its Rise in your House, being contrary to the Acts of Parliament of this Kingdom of the 10th of Henry the VIIIth, and the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary, and the Usage and Practice ever since, and intrenching upon the just Rights of His Majesty, and the Crown of Great Britain, to transmit such Bills to be treated of and considered in Par-

liament here; I am now to assert His Majesty's Royal Authority, and the Rights of the Crown of Great Britain, in this Respect, and in such a Manner, as may be most public and permanent; and therefore I do here, in full Parliament, make my public Protest against the said Vote and Resolution of the House of Commons, by which you, Gentlemen of that House, declare that the said Bill was rejected by you, because it did not take its Rise in your House, and against the Entries of the said Vote and Resolution, which remain in the Journals of the House of Commons: And I do require the Clerk of this House now to read my said Protest, and to enter it in the Journals of this House, that it may there remain, to future Ages, as a Vindication of the undoubted Right and Authority of His Majesty, and of the Rights of the Crown of Great Britain, in this Particular.

In this Protest, I think myself warranted in all Respects; and if it needed, as I conceive it doth not, any other Strength than that which it derives from the Statutes which I have mentioned, and from the Usage and Practice, ever since, it would be found in that Precedent which appears in the Journals of this House of the 3d Day of November, 1692, under the Reign of that glorious and immortal Prince King William the Third, the Great Deliverer of these Kingdoms, and the constant and magnanimous Assertor and Preserver of the Civil and Religious Rights of Mankind.

After which the Lord Chancellor, by his Excellency's Command, said,

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

*IT is his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the 20th Day of March next, to be then here held: And this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 20th Day of March next.*

*St. James's, January 5.*

This Day the Count de Barzynski, Envoy Extraordinary from the King and the Republick of Poland, had his first Private Audience of His Majesty, to deliver his Credentials.

To which he was introduced by the Right Honorable the Earl of Rochford, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

**A**T the Court at St. James's, the 22d Day of December, 1769,

**P R E S E N T,**

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Letter from the Commissioners of Customs in Scotland to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated the 12th of this Instant, setting forth, That the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, as Preses of the Convention of the Royal Boroughs in Scotland, had informed them, that Mr. John Stuart, Deputy Conservator of the Scots Privileges at Campveer, had transmitted to his Lordship a Copy of a Placart published by the States of Zeeland, prohibiting, under certain Restrictions, the Importation of Hay