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Westminster, November 13.

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 make the following most gracious Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WHEN I last met you in Parliament, I renewed to you the Assurances, which I had before given you, that it was My fixed Purpose to preserve the General Tranquillity; maintaining at the same Time the Honour of My Crown, together with the just Rights and Interests of My People: And it was with much Satisfaction that I indulged the Hope of being still able to continue to My Subjects the Enjoyment of Peace with Honour and Security. Since that Time, those very Considerations, which I then promised you that I would never sacrifice even to the Desire of Peace, have laid Me under an indispensable Necessity of preparing for a different Situation.

By the Act of the Governor of Buenos Ayres, in seizing by Force one of My Possessions, the Honour of My Crown, and the Security of My People's Rights, were become deeply affected. Under these Circumstances, I did not fail to make an immediate Demand from the Court of Spain, of such Satisfaction as I had a Right to expect for the Injury I had received. I directed also the necessary Preparations to be made, without Loss of Time, for enabling Me to do Myself Justice, in case My Requisition to the Court of Spain should fail of procuring it for Me. And these Preparations, you may be assured, I shall not think it expedient to discontinue, until I shall have received proper Reparation for the Injury, as well as satisfactory Proof, that other Powers are equally sincere with Myself in the Resolution to preserve the General Tranquillity of Europe. In the mean Time, I have called you together thus early, in order that I may be able to receive from you such Advice and Assistance, as, in the farther Progress of this very important Business, may happen to become requisite.

With respect to the State of My Colonies in North America, although I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that the People in most of them have begun to depart from those Combinations, which were calculated to distress the Commerce of this Kingdom; yet, in some Parts of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, very unwarrantable Practices are still carried on, and My good Subjects oppressed by the same lawless Violence which has too long prevailed in that Province.

I hope, and trust, that the Precautions, which have already been used for securing this Country against the Visitation of that fatal Calamity, which has of late appeared in some of the distant Parts of Europe, will, with the Blessing of God, prove successful. But if, from any Alteration of Circumstances, it should at any Time be found, that farther Provisions will be wanted, I cannot doubt of your ready Concurrence for so salutary a Purpose.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I will order the proper Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year to be laid before you. They must unavoidably, in our present Situation, exceed the usual Amount. Every unnecessary Expence My Concern for the Ease of My good Subjects will ever make Me careful to avoid. But I should neither consult their Interest, nor their Inclination, if I were to decline any Expence, which the Publick Security, or the Maintenance of the National Honour, does at any Time require.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I am sensible how little I need say to you, at this Time, to prevail upon you to unite in whatever may best promote the true Interest of your Country. In all your Deliberations upon Points of a Domestic Nature, let the Extension of our Commerce, the Improvement of the Revenue, and the Maintenance of Order and good Government, be always in your View. With respect to Foreign Measures, there will, I am persuaded, be no other Contest among you, than who shall appear most forward in the Support of the Common Cause, in upholding the Reputation, and promoting the Prosperity of the Kingdom. For the Attainment of these Ends, you shall ever find Me ready to exert Myself to the utmost. I have no Interest, I can have none, distinct from That of My People.

THE Names of those who were nominated for Sheriffs by the Lords of the Council at the Exchequer Chamber, on the Morrow of St. Martin, in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King George the Third, and in the Year of our Lord, 1770.

Berkshire,

Sir William Stonehouse, of Radley, Bart.

Jeremiah Crutehley, of Sunning-Hill Park, Esq;

Bedfordshire,

John Watts, of Lovells Hill, Esq;

Walter Scott, of Aspley Guise, Esq;

Charles Barnett, of Stratton, Esq;

Sir Gillias Payne, of Tempsford, Bart.

Buckinghamshire,

Thomas Dorrell, of Fingest, Esq;

John Bullock, of Colnbrook, Esq;

Lovel Badcock, of Amerham, Esq;

Cumberland,

William Brownrigge, of Ormathwaite, Esq;

John Spedding, of Armathwaite, Esq;

George Augustus Stanley, of Ponsby, Esq;

Cheshire,

John Crew, of Boldsworth, Esq;

George Prescott, of Eardshaw, Esq;

Thomas Ashton, of Ashley, Esq;

Cambs & Hunt

Henry Lyell, of Bourne, Esq;

Christopher Anstey, of Trumpington, Esq;

Geoffrey Nightingale, of Kneefworth, Esq;

Cornwall,

Nicholas Avant, of Trevillian, Esq;

Thomas Jones, of Trinity, Esq;

John Call, of Whiteford, Esq;

Devonshire,

Richard Doidge, of Elford Leigh, Esq;

Charles Hayne, of Lupton, Esq;

John Duke, of Otterton, Esq;

Dorsetshire,