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*St. James's, June 6.*

**T**HURSDAY last being the Anniversary of His Majesty's Birth-Day, the same was observed at Court, where there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, to compliment His Majesty on the Occasion. At One o'Clock the Guns in the Park and at the Tower were fired; and in the Evening there was a Ball at Court; and Illuminations, and other Publick Demonstrations of Joy, throughout London and Westminster.

*Westminster, June 3.*

**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, Knight, 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 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 Seventy-eight; and for farther appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; and for carrying to the Aggregate Fund a Sum of Money which hath arisen by the Two Sevenths Excise.*

*An Act to amend, and render more effectual, the Laws relating to the raising and training of the Militia within that Part of Great Britain called England; and to establish certain Regulations with respect to Officers serving in the Corps of Fencible Men, directed to be raised in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and certain other Corps therein mentioned.*

*An Act for relieving His Majesty's Subjects professing the Popish Religion, from certain Penalties and Disabilities imposed on them by an Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled, An Act for the further preventing the Growth of Popery.*

*An Act for repealing certain Provisions in Two Acts made in the First Year of the Reign of Queen Anne; one intituled, An Act for the Relief of the Protestant Purchasers of the forfeited Estates in Ireland, and the other intituled, An Act for advancing the Sale of the forfeited Estates in Ireland, and for vesting such as remain unsold by the present Trustees in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for such Uses as the same were before vested in the said Trustees; and for the more effectual selling and setting the said Estates to Protestants; and for explaining several Acts relative to the Lord Bopbin and Sir Redmond Everard.*

*An Act for settling and securing a certain Annuity on the Earl of Chatham, and the Heirs of the Body of the late William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, to whom the Earldom of Chatham shall descend, in Consideration of the eminent Services performed by the said late Earl to His Majesty, and the Public.*

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

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**A**FTER so long and laborious an Application to the Publick Business, I think it proper at this Season of the Year to give you some Rescess. I come at the same Time to return you My particular Thanks for the Zeal you have shewn in supporting

the Honour of My Crown, and for your Attention to the real Interests of all My Subjects, in the wise, just, and humane Laws, which have been the Result of your Deliberations, and which, I hope, will be attended with the most salutary Effects in every Part of the British Empire.

My Desire to preserve the Tranquillity of Europe has been uniform and sincere: I reflect with great Satisfaction that I have made the Faith of Treaties and the Law of Nations the Rule of My Conduct, and that it has been My constant Care to give no just Cause of Offence to any Foreign Power; let that Power, by whom this Tranquillity shall be disturbed, answer to their Subjects and to the World for all the fatal Consequences of War.

The Vigour and Firmness of My Parliament have enabled Me to be prepared for such Events and Emergencies as may happen; and I trust that the experienced Valour and Discipline of My Fleets and Armies, and the loyal and united Ardour of the Nation, armed and animated in the Defence of every Thing that is dear to them, will be able, under the Protection of Divine Providence, to defeat all the Enterprizes which the Enemies of My Crown may presume to undertake, and convince them how dangerous it is to provoke the Spirit and Strength of Great Britain.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the Cheerfulness with which you have granted the large and ample Supplies for the Service of the current Year, and for your Care in raising them in a Manner the most effectual and the least burthensome; and My warmest Acknowledgments are due to you for the Provision you have enabled Me to make for the more honourable Support of My Family.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

Your Presence in your respective Countries may at this Time be of great publick Advantage. It is unnecessary for Me to recommend to you to do your Duty in your several Stations: On My Part, I have no other Wish or Object but to deserve the Confidence of My Parliament, and the Affections of My People.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said:

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**I**T is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the 14th Day of July next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 14th Day of July next.

*St. James's, June 2.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto Edward Thurlow, Esq; His Majesty's Attorney General, and to the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, the Dignity of a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title, of Baron Thurlow, of Ashfield in the County of Suffolk.

At the Court at St. James's, the 3d of June 1778,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

**H**IS Majesty in Council having been this Day graciously pleased to deliver the Great Seal to the Right Honourable Edward Lord Thurlow, his Lordship

