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Westminster, November 1.

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, 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 make the following Most Gracious Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is with more than ordinary Satisfaction that I meet you in Parliament, at a Time, when the late Elections may afford me an Opportunity of receiving the most certain Information of the Disposition and the Wishes of My People, to which I am always inclined to pay the utmost Attention and Regard.

The present arduous Situation of Public Affairs is well known; the whole Force and Faculties of the Monarchies of France and Spain are drawn forth, and exerted to the utmost, to support the Rebellion in My Colonies in North America, and, without the least Provocation or Cause of Complaint, to attack My Dominions; and the undisguised Object of this Confederacy manifestly is to gratify boundless Ambition, by destroying the Commerce, and giving a fatal Blow to the Power of Great Britain.

By the Force which the last Parliament put into My Hands, and by the Blessing of Divine Providence on the Bravery of My Fleets and Armies, I have been enabled to withstand the formidable Attempts of My Enemies, and to frustrate the great Expectations they had formed; and the signal Successes which have attended the Progress of My Arms in the Provinces of Georgia and Carolina, gained with so much Honour to the Conduct and Courage of My Officers, and to the Valour and Intrepidity of My Troops, which have equalled their highest Character in any Age, will, I trust, have important Consequences in bringing the War to a happy Conclusion. It is My most earnest Desire to see this great End accomplished; but I am confident you will agree with Me in Opinion, that We can only secure safe and honourable Terms of Peace by such powerful and respectable Preparations, as shall convince Our Enemies, that We will not submit to receive the Law from any Powers whatsoever; and that We are united in a firm Resolution to decline no Difficulty or Hazard, in the Defence of Our Country, and for the Preservation of Our essential Interests.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before you. I see and feel, with great Anxiety and Concern, that the various Services of the War must, unavoidably, be attended with great and heavy Expences; but I desire you to grant Me such Supplies only, as your own Security and lasting Welfare, and the Exigency of Affairs, shall be found to require.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I repose an entire Confidence in the Zeal and Affections of this Parliament, conscious that, during the whole Course of My Reign, it has been the constant Object of My Care, and the Wish of My Heart, to promote the true Interests and Happiness of all My Subjects, and to preserve, inviolate, Our excellent Constitution in Church and State.

St. James's, October 30.

THIS Day Their Majesties came from Windsor to the Queen's Palace, to reside during the Winter.

The same Day his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, his Royal Highness Prince Frederick, and their Royal Highnesses the Princess and Princesses, removed from Windsor and Kew to the Winter Season.

St. James's, October 31.

THIS Evening the Ceremony of the Christening of the Young Prince was performed in the Great Council-Chamber, by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. His Royal Highness was named Alfred.

The Sponsors were, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness the Prince Bishop of Osnaburg, and her Royal Highness the Princess Royal.

War-Office, November 4, 1780.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint, His Royal Highness Prince Frederick, Bishop of Osnaburg, to be Colonel in the Army, by Brevet, bearing Date the 1st of November 1780; Lieutenant-General William Augustus Pitt to be Colonel of the 10th Regiment of Dragoons, vice Sir John Mordaunt; Honourable Major-General John Vaughan to be Governor of Berwick, vice Sir John Mordaunt.

St. James's, November 4.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders, of the County of Montgomery, has been presented to the King by Robert Howel Vaughan, Esq; High Sheriff, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders, of the County of Montgomery, assembled at the Town Hall in the Town of Montgomery for the Purpose of Electing a Knight of the Shire.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, attached to your Royal House by Principle, and to your Person with the truest Affection, truly sensible of the many and great Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's Government, by which our Liberties and all that is dear to the Heart of Man are so well secured to us, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we have with the utmost Horror heard of the licentious and abominable Riots which have of late alarmed the whole Nation, as well as endangered the Metropolis of these Kingdoms.

At the same Time we humbly presume to express our unfeigned and hearty Thanks to your Majesty, for your wise and timely Exertion of those Powers with which our happy Constitution has invested your Royal Person, for the speedy and effectual Suppression of a Storm that seemed to threaten so much Mischief to all your Majesty's Subjects.

And while we thus expressing our Gratitude for the Happiness we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Reign, permit us, gracious Sire, to add our Congratulations on the late Increase (by the Birth of a Prince) of your Majesty's Family, in which we trust Providence will continue to our latest Posterity those invaluable Blessings which we have experienced