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*Westminster, January 25, 1785.*

**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,*

**A**FTER the laborious Attendance of the last Session of Parliament, it has given Me peculiar Pleasure, that the Situation of Public Affairs has admitted of so long a Recess.

Among the Objects which now require Consideration, I must particularly recommend to your earnest Attention the Adjustment of such Points in the Commercial Intercourse between Great Britain and Ireland, as are not yet finally arranged. The System which will unite both Kingdoms the most closely on Principles of reciprocal Advantage, will, I am persuaded, best ensure the general Prosperity of My Dominions.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that notwithstanding any Appearance of Differences on the Continent, I continue uniformly to receive, from all Foreign Powers, the strongest Assurances of their good Disposition towards this Country.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have ordered the Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before you. I confide in your Liberality and Zeal to grant the necessary Supplies, with a just Regard as well to the Economy requisite in every Department, as to the Maintenance of the National Credit, and the real Exigencies of the Public Service.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

The Success which has attended the Measures taken in the last Session towards the Suppression of Smuggling, and for the Improvement of the Revenue, will encourage you to apply yourselves, with continual Assiduity, to those important Objects. You will, I trust, also take into early Consideration, the Matters suggested in the Reports of the Commissioners of Public Accounts, and such further Re-

gulations as may appear to be necessary in the different Offices of the Kingdom.

I have the fullest Reliance on the Continuance of your faithful and diligent Exertions in every Part of your Public Duty. You may at all Times depend on My hearty Concurrence in every Measure which can tend to alleviate our National Burthens, to secure the true Principles of the Constitution, and to promote the general Welfare of My People.

*Dublin Castle, January 26.*

**T**HIS Day the Parliament having met, according to the last Prorogation, his Grace the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent with a Message from his Grace to the House of Commons, signifying his Pleasure that they should immediately attend his Grace in the House of Peers: The Commons being come thither accordingly, his Grace made the following Speech to both Houses.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**I**HAVE His Majesty's Commands to meet you in Parliament, and to desire your Advice and Co-operation upon those Affairs of Importance which, in the present Circumstances of the Kingdom, require your most serious Attention.

Whilst I lamented the lawless Outrages and unconstitutional Proceedings which had taken Place since your last Prorogation, I had the Satisfaction to perceive that these Excesses were confined to a few Places, and even there condemned: And I have now the Pleasure to observe, that, by the salutary Interposition of the Laws, the General Tranquillity is re-established.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have ordered the Publick Accounts to be laid before you. I have the fullest Reliance on your approved Loyalty to the King, and Attachment to your Country, that a due Consideration of the Exigencies of the State will lead you to make whatever Provisions shall appear to be necessary for the Publick Expences, and for the honourable Support of His Majesty's Government.

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