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Westminster, January 24.

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,

SINCE I last met you in Parliament the Disputes which appeared to threaten an Interruption to the Tranquillity of Europe have been brought to an amicable Conclusion; and I continue to receive from Foreign Powers the strongest Assurances of their friendly Disposition towards this Country.

At Home My Subjects experience the growing Blessings of Peace in the Extension of Trade; the Improvement of the Revenue, and Increase of the Public Credit of the Nation.

For the farther Advancement of those important Objects, I rely on the Continuance of that Zeal and Industry which you manifested in the last Session of Parliament.

The Resolutions which you laid before Me, as the Basis of an Adjustment of the Commercial Intercourse between Great Britain and Ireland, have been, by My Direction, recommended to the Parliament of that Kingdom; but no effectual Step has hitherto been taken thereupon, which can enable you to make any farther Progress in that salutary Work.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Estimates for the present Year to be laid before you: It is My earnest Wish to enforce Economy in every Department, and you will, I am persuaded, be equally ready to make such Provision as may be necessary for the Public Service, and particularly for maintaining our Naval Strength on the most secure and respectable Footing.—Above all, let Me recommend to you the Establishment of a fixed Plan for the Reduction of the National Debt.

The flourishing State of the Revenue will, I trust, enable you to effect this important Measure, with little Addition to the Public Burdens.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Vigour and Resources of the Country, so fully manifested in its present Situation, will encourage you in continuing to give your utmost Attention to every Object of National Concern; particularly to the Consideration of such Measures as may be necessary in order to give further Security to the Revenue; and to promote and extend, as far as possible, the Trade and general Industry of My Subjects.

St. James's, January 24.

This Morning Their Majesties came from Windsor to the Queen's Palace to reside during the Winter.

Their Royal Highnesses the Princes and Princesses are also removed from Windsor and Kew to their respective Residences in Town for the Winter Season.

Lord Chamberlain's-Office, January 24, 1786.

ORDERS for the Court's further Change of Mourning, on Sunday next, the 29th Instant, for the late Princess Charlotte Wilhelmine, of Hesse Darmstadt, Wife of Prince Charles of Mecklenburgh Strelitz, Brother to the Queen, viz.

The Ladies to wear Black Silk or Velvet, coloured Ribbons, Fans and Tippets, or plain White, or White and Gold or White and Silver Stuffs with Black Ribbons.

The Gentlemen to wear Black Coats, and Black or plain White, or White and Gold, or White and Silver Stuff Waistcoats full trimmed, coloured Swords and Buckles.

And on Sunday the 5th of February next, the Court to go out of Mourning.

Vienna, January 11.

The Emperor set out this Morning to meet his Sister the Archduchess, and the Duke of Saxe Tefchen, and returned hither this Afternoon, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses, who arrived in perfect Health.