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Whitehall, Jan. 28.

THIS day the Two Houses of Parliament, pursuant to their last Adjournment, met at Westminster; And His Majesty being come into the House of Lords, Attired in his Royal Robes, and with the usual Solemnity seated in His Throne, was pleased to Send for the House of Commons up, who accordingly attending His Majesty at the Bar of the Lords House His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to the Two Houses, on the occasion of their Meeting; after which, the Commons returned to their own House.

His Majesties Gracious Speech to Both Houses of Parliament, on Monday the 28th of January, 1677.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

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WHEN We parted last, I told you, That before We met again, I would do that which should be to your Satisfaction; I have accordingly made such Alliances with Holland, as are for the Preservation of Flanders, and which cannot fail of that End, unless prevented either by the want of due Assurances to suppose those Alliances, or by the small regard the Spaniards themselves must have to their own Preservation.

The rest of these I cannot suspect, by reason of your repeated Engagements to maintain them, and I know you are so wise as to consider, that a War, which must be the necessary Consequence of them, ought neither to be prosecuted by Halcyon, nor to want such Assurances of Persistence as may give Me encouragement to pursue it; besides, it will soon be less necessary, as let Our Enemies have such a Prospect of our Resolutions, as may let them see certainly, that We shall not be weary of Our Arms, till Christendom be restored to such a Peace, as shall not be in the Power of any Prince alone to Disturb.

I do acknowledge to you, that I have used all the Means possible, by a Mediation, to have procured an honourable and safe Peace for Christendom, knowing how preferable such a Peace would have been, to any War, and especially to this Kingdom, which must necessarily own the vast Benefits it has received by Peace, whilst its Neighbours only have, yet incurred by War. But finding it no longer to be hoped, for by fair means, it shall not be My Fault, if that be not obtained by Force, which cannot be had otherwise.

For this Reason I have recalled My Troops from France, and done considerable That although the Duke shall do their parts, we can have no less on Ours than Ninety sail of Capital Ships constantly maintained; nor less than Thirty of forty thousand Ibards, (with their Dependencies) to be employed upon Our Fleets, and elsewhere. And because there shall be no want of Money employing what you shall give to these Fleets, and preventing that such Money be appropriated to other

Services as you may desire, I have given Testimony enough of my Care in that kind, by the Progress I have made in Building the New Ships, wherein, for the making them more useful, I have Directed such larger Dimensions, as will cost Me above One hundred thousand Pounds more than the A& allows. I have gone as far as I could in Repairing the Old Fleet, and in Buying of Necessary Stores for the Navy, and Ordnance; And in this and other Provisions, for better securing both my Foreign Plantations, and the Islands nearer Home, I have Expended a great deal more than the Two hundred thousand Pounds you enabled Me to Borrow upon the Excise, although I have not found such a Credit as I expected upon that Security. I have born the Charge both of a Rebellion in Virginia, and a new War with Algiers; I stand engaged to the Prince of Orange for, My Nieces Portion; and I shall not be able to Maintain My constant necessary Establishments, unless the New Impost upon Wines, &c. be continued

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to Me, which would otherwise turn only to their Profit whom We least intend it.

I hope these things will need little Recommendation to you, when you consider your Promises in some, and the Necessity of the rest; and to let you see, that I have not only employed My Time and Treasure for your Safety, but done all I could to remove all sorts of Jealousies, I have Married My Niece to the Prince of Orange, by which Those Phive given full Assurances that I shall never suffer his Interest to be ruined, as also can be Assisted, as I ought to be, to preserve them.

Having done all this, I expect from you a plentiful Supply, suitable to such great Occasions, whereon depends not only the Honour, but (for ought I know) the Being of an English Nation, which will not be saved by holding out afterwards, but may be prevented by avoiding the chief Faults of doing weakly and by halves, what can only be hoped from a vigorous and thorough prosecution of what we undertake.

These Considerations are of the greatest Importance that ever concerned this Kingdom; and therefore I would have you enter immediately upon them, without suspending any other Resolutions.

Naples, Jan. 4. Since the News we had of the ta, King of the Cattie of Mola by the Duke of Bourgogne, we have not any account from Sicily, which we attribute to the bad weather, no Vessels having for several days been able to pass. In the mean time, we go on with our new Levies in this Kingdom with all the diligence possible; and we are with some impatience expecting the return of a Courier from Spain, which was sent to give the Count an account of the present condition of affairs in Sicily.

Genova, Jan. 20. The 1st instant arrived here the Society, John Willyshire Master from Marcellis; and the 18th, the Richard and William, David Lamberts Masters, yesterday arrived the Leopard, Sir William Poole Commander, and the Queen's Flag, which latter hath had an Engagement with an Algerine ship, though of double the force, was obliged to quit the Fight, leaving some of his men on board the Gherfeli in company of these Frigates sum the St. George from Cadiz.

Vienna, Jan. 24. The late Governor of Ephyrae is carried to Turkey, and kept close prisoner there, till his Process be framed. We are making Levies in these Parts with all the diligence we can, and Officers come daily from the Army for that purpose. From the 10th in Upper Hungary they write that the 10th of this Month the Rebels had with 1400 men formed a design to surprize Arba, a Castle near Nagyvar, belonging to the Prince Regent; but was repulsed with the loss of 100 men.

From Czickow we hear, That the Rebels go out in great Parties; they give out that 30000 Persons are coming to their assistance, which we cannot give any credit to.

Dulich, Jan. 23. The 21st instant the Emperor, Emperors and the whole Court, went hence to Newystadt, where the Duke of Lorraine is expected either this evening or tomorrow, in order to the celebrating his Marriage with the Queen Dowager of Poland. This Court is very much alarmed at the Advices come from Bavaria, as that Elector Metel going to declare for France; certain it is, that the Cardinal d'Estrées

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is Negotiating matters of very great importance at that Court.

Straßburg, Jan. 24. There passes very little in these Parts, though it's probable we shall not long continue to be in New; considering they preparations the French make as well as Lorraine, as in Alsace. At Brüssel as well as Schloßstadt, several Boats and small Vessels are preparing, which we believe are designed for the making a Bridge over the Rhine.

Ditto, Jan. 30. We hear from all hands, that the French King will come towards these Parts, and make the Campagne in person on this side, and we are told likewise that it is very probable we may be attackt, of which we have so far taken notice, as to put our selves into the best posture we can.

Philipsburgh, Feb. 29. Prince Hermann of Baden is arrived here, and from hence he will in a day or two pass to Würtemberg, being appointed by the Emperor to command his Forces in the absence of the Duke of Lorraine, who is gone to Nuremberg, to consummate his Marriage. The necessary Orders have been given, for the putting Rottweil, Offenburg, and some other places, into a posture of defence.

Amsterdam, Feb. 1. The Men of War designed for Sicily are now ready to sail, they expecting only a fair wind. The Letters we receive from Hamburg confirm the account we gave you in our last, of the defeat of the Dutch in the Isle of Rügen, and that most of the Prisoners had taken service with the Suedes.

In Brussels, Feb. 1. Saturday last Don Bernardo de Salinas, whom the Duke de Villa Hermosa sent some time since to Vienna, to Negotiate several matters at this Court, relating to the next Campagne; returned hither; it is said that his Excellency intends suddenly to send him to Spain, to give the Ministers there a particular account of all matters. Last Night Monsieur Desjardins returned hither from the Hague, having been sent back with the greatest haste by his Highness, in hopes of finding Mr. Godolphin, who was sent to our Governour by His Majesty of Great Britain, still here. The French continue their preparations on all sides of us, and we are told that the King intended to part as this day from St. Germains, towards Metz, having sent the Marechal de Créqui before, to put things into a posture against his arrival. The young Prince de Gavre, Son to Count Egmont, is fallen dangerously sick, to the great grief of that Family, being a Prince of great hopes. The Prince de Vendemont is likewise ill of a Fever, which has prevented the Solemnity he intended here on occasion of the Duke of Lorraine's marriage.

Ditto, Feb. 4. The Letters arrived this day from Paris, tell us, That the French King and the whole Court were as yesterday to begin their journey towards Nancy, which his Majesty would perform in 20 days, intending to make but small journeys. We are here very much alarmed at the news of the Kings going towards Germany; some say it is to conclude a Marriage between the Dauphin and the Princess of Bavaria; others, that he will besiege Trieres, Luxembourg, if not Straßburg; but we believe the French have not Troops enough in those Parts to undertake so great an enterprize, as the Siege of Straßburg would in all probability be. The Dauphin does not accompany the King, but stays at St. Germains to follow his Exercises; but the Duke of Orléans will be suddenly in these Parts, to command the King's Armies, for the security of the New Conquests, if not to enlarge them. From Hamburg and those Parts, all our Letters give us an ample account of the late success of the Suedes in the Isle of

Rügen, where they have totally defeated the Danish and Confederate Troops; and gained so ample a Victory, that of 7000 men, they say there escaped only 11 persons, who got by water to Rostock; this defeat of the Danes was occasioned in great part by the death of their General, and the Contest that followed thereupon among the principal Officers about the chief Command.

Antwerp, Febr. 5. We are here in expectation to hear that the French King is parted from Paris towards Germany; the last Letters we received from Paris, said that the King would part from St. Germains the 8th instant.

Paris, Febr. 5. The first instant the King took a review of the four Companies of the Guards du Corps, as also of the two Companies of Musketeers. The Guards du Corps marched the next day, and the Musketeers day to attend the King, who will part from St. Germains on Monday next; his Majesty will go that day to Brie-Comte-Robert, the next day will lodge at Nangis, the third at Provins, and the fourth at Bezanne. The brilliant the Envoy Extraordinary of Sweden had Audience of the King, to which he was conducted by the Sieur de Bonneuil, Master of the Ceremonies. From Thoulon we have advice, that the Duke de la Feuillade was sailed from thence for Messina.

Advertisement.

THE Manner-house of Amersden near Bifster in Oxfordshire, was broken open the 24th instant, and thereupon was stolen, one great large Silver Dish with a spot in the basin, having neither Arms nor Letters on it. One great Silver Salver of six or eight Squares with three Supporters for a Dish to stand upon, with the Crest an Eagle's head and a firebrand in the beak, but mistakingly engraved like a flaming torch. Six substantial Trencher-Salts marked with the Letters W. G. P. Eleven Silver Spoons marked as the Saks. Two Silver Trencher-Clothing-Dishes with turned wooden Handles, without Letters or Arms. One old-fashion Silver Tankard, with a Lid fixed to it, the Handle flat behind, with a Coat of Arms, wherein is three Bulls. Six Silver Forks marked W. G. P. A Sugar-Caster, a Mustard Pot, part eaten by the Mustard, with a little Spoon, a Pepper-box of Silver without either Letters or Arms. Whoever discover the Persons or Goods, or most part of them, and gives notice to Mr. Roger Williams, Woolen-draper at the Saracens Head in Fleet street, London, or at the place above-said, shall have twelve pounds Reward.

About the same time was stolen from the Vicaridge House at Amersden in Oxfordshire, one Silver Tankard marked M. K. on the Handle. Three Silver Spoons marked T. K. on the end of the Handles. One Spoon marked W. M. S. M. A woman's Riding-Camlet Suit, the Hood lined with bloom-coloured Silk; an Apron of Needle-work Lace, the middle being Network; another Apron-laced with cut and flax Lace, &c. Whoever discover the said Goods to Mr. Williams abovementioned, shall have 40*s.* Reward.

WHosoever will discover by Word or Writing unto Mr. John Johnson at his House in Castle-court in St. Lawrence-lane, near St. James's House, any Lands, or Goods, Debts, or Accompt-Books, which since the 9th day of March 1675. did belong to Richard Thompson, Edmund Page, Edward Nelborpe, or John Farington, late of London Merchants and Copartners; or any Debts by them since the said day paid, or wherein the persons of the said Thompson, Page or Nelborpe now are; shall be rewarded to his content.

STolen out of the Stable of William Smith of Reddington, alias Kerion, on the 24 instant, a black brown Gelding, with a star and a snip, and saddle spots, 14 hands high, comes eight years old, hath all his paces, with a yellow bridle, and a red worsted knot at his ear, with an old pannel. Whoever gives notice of the said Gelding to Mr. Edmund Clarke at the Three Black-Birds in Bread-street, London, or to Mr. John Green Draper in Stepney, Essex, shall be well rewarded.