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Westminster, March 3, 1786.

**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 give the Royal Assent to

*An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six.*

*An Act for continuing and granting to His Majesty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six.*

*An Act for further continuing, for a limited Time, an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for preventing certain Instruments from being required from Ships belonging to the United States of America, and to give to His Majesty, for a limited Time, certain Powers for the better carrying on Trade and Commerce between the Subjects of His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants of the said United States; and for further continuing, for a limited Time, an Act made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to extend the Powers of an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of His present Majesty, for giving His Majesty certain Powers for the better carrying on Trade and Commerce between the Subjects of His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants of the United States of America, to the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom with the British Colonies and Plantations in America, with respect to certain Articles therein mentioned.*

*An Act for confining, for a limited Time, the Trade between the Ports of the United States of America and His Majesty's Subjects in the Island of Newfoundland to Bread, Flour, Indian-Corn, and Live Stock, to be imported in none but British-built Ships, actually belonging to British Subjects, and navigated according to Law, clearing out from the Ports of His Majesty's European Dominions, and furnished with a Licence according to the Form hereunto annexed.*

*An Act to continue an Act, made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act to prohibit, for a limited Time, the Exportation of Hay.*

*An Act to regulate the Exportation of Hops to Ireland.*

*An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act of the Fifth Year of His present Majesty, for repairing, widening, and keeping in Repair, several Roads leading to and from Crewkerne, in the County of Somerset.*

*An Act for continuing the Term of an Act, made in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty, for amending, widening, altering, clearing, and keeping in Repair, several Roads leading from the Market Cross in the Town of Wareham, and in Purbeck in the County of Dorset.*

And to Four Private Bills.

St. James's, March 3.

This Day His Majesty was pleased to invest the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon with the Ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

His Majesty having signed the several Instruments for that Purpose, which were presented to the Sovereign by Robert Quarme, Esq; Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod, (in the Absence of the Secretary) the Duke was called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by the Duke of Roxburgh and the Earl of Galloway, and supported on each Side by the Duke of Queensberry and Lord Viscount Stormont, George Brodie, Esq; Principal Herald of Scotland, (in Place of the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod) carrying the Sword of State.

At the Entrance a low Reverence was made; a Second about the Middle; and, on being advanced up to the Sovereign, a Third. The Duke being presented by the Two Senior Knights, and, kneeling down, the Herald drew the Sword, and (kneeling) delivered it to the Sovereign, who thereupon knighted his Grace. The Duke having kissed His Majesty's Hand, Green Rod administered the Oath to his Grace; then Green Rod, having received the Ensigns of the Order, presented the same (kneeling) to the Sovereign upon a Velvet Cushion, who put the Ribbon over the Duke's Left Shoulder; upon which his Grace had again the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand. After this the Duke rose up, and making a low Reverence, withdrew in the same Manner as he had entered.

The Ceremony was performed, soon after the Levee, in His Majesty's Closet, several of the Great Officers of the State and Court being present.