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Westminster, January 23.

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 Moyleux, 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,

I Have particular Satisfaction in acquainting you, that, since I last met you in Parliament, the Tranquillity of Europe has remained uninterrupted, and that all Foreign Powers continue to express their friendly Disposition to this Country.

I have concluded a Treaty of Navigation and Commerce with the Most Christian King, a Copy of which shall be laid before you. I must recommend it to you to take such Measures as you shall judge proper for carrying it into Effect; and I trust you will find that the Provisions contained in it are calculated for the Encouragement of Industry, and the Extension of lawful Commerce in both Countries, and, by promoting a beneficial Intercourse between our respective Subjects, appear likely to give additional Permanence to the Blessings of Peace. I shall keep the same salutary Objects in View, in the Commercial Arrangements which I am negotiating with other Powers.

I have also given Directions for laying before you a Copy of a Convention agreed upon between Me and the Catholick King, for carrying into Effect the Sixth Article of the last Treaty of Peace.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Estimates for the present Year to be laid before you, and I have the fullest Reliance on your Readiness to make due Provision for the several Branches of the Publick Service.

The State of the Revenue will, I am persuaded, continue to engage your constant Attention, as being essentially connected with the National Credit, and the Prosperity and Safety of My Dominions.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

A Plan has been formed, by My Direction, for transporting a Number of Convicts, in order to remove the Inconvenience which arose from the crowded State of the Goals, in different Parts of the Kingdom; and you will, I doubt not, take such further Measures as may be necessary for this Purpose.

I trust you will be able, in this Session, to carry into Effect Regulations for the Ease of the Merchants,

and for simplifying the Publick Accounts, in the various Branches of the Revenue; and I rely upon the uniform Continuance of your Exertions in Pursuit of such Objects as may tend still farther to improve the National Resources, and to promote and confirm the Welfare and Happiness of My People.

Cumberland-House, January 23.

HIS Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland will have a Levee on Monday next, the 29th Instant, at Two o'Clock.

Dublin-Castle, January 18, 1787.

THIS Day the Parliament having met according to Prorogation, his Grace the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, George Bernard, Esq; 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:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I Had hoped that upon the present Occasion of meeting you again in Parliament, it would have been in my Power to have announced to you the entire Suppression of those Commotions, which in some Parts of the Kingdom have disturbed the general Tranquillity. Under the present Circumstances, I am persuaded, by my Confidence in the accustomed Proofs of your Wisdom and Zeal, that I shall receive from you whatever Assistance may be necessary for the more effectual Vindication of the Laws, and the Protection of Society. Your uniform Regard for the Rights of all your Fellow Subjects, and your zealous Attachment to the Religious and Civil Constitutions of your Country, will stimulate your Attention to their inseparable Interests, and will ensure your especial Support of the Established Church and the respectable Situation of it's Ministers.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have directed the proper Officers, to lay the National Accounts before you; and I trust you will make the necessary Provisions for the Exigencies of the State, and the honourable Support of His Majesty's Government.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

An Act was passed in the last Session of the British Parliament for the further Increase of Shipping and Navigation. You will, I doubt not, take proper Measures to confirm to this Country a full Participation of it's Advantages.

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