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Westminster, Thursday, November 25, 1790.

HIS Majesty, being seated on the Throne, adorned with His Crown and Regal Ornaments, and attended by His Officers of State, (the Lords being in their Robes) commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Commons know, It is His Majesty's Pleasure that they attend Him immediately in this House: Who being come,

The Lord Chancellor, having received Directions, said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

His Majesty has been pleased to command me to acquaint you, that He will defer declaring the Causes of calling this Parliament till there shall be a Speaker of the House of Commons. And therefore it is His Majesty's Pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, do immediately repair to the Place where the Commons usually sit, and there chuse a fit Person to be your Speaker; and that you present such Person who shall be so chosen, to His Majesty here, for His Royal Approbation, Tomorrow, at Two o'Clock.

Then His Majesty was pleased to retire, and the Commons withdrew.

Westminster, Friday, November 26, 1790.

THIS Day the Two Houses of Parliament having again met, His Majesty went in State to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Knt. 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, presented to His Majesty the Right Honourable Henry Addington, whom they had chosen to be their Speaker. And the Lord Chancellor having, by the King's Command, signified His Majesty's Approbation of their Choice, His Majesty was then pleased to make the following most Gracious Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is a great Satisfaction to Me to inform you that the Differences which had arisen between Me and the Court of Spain, have happily been brought to an amicable Termination.

I have ordered Copies of the Declarations exchanged between My Ambassador and the Minister of the Catholic King, and of the Convention which has since been concluded, to be laid before you.

The Objects which I have proposed to Myself in the Whole of this Transaction, have been to obtain a suitable Reparation for the Act of Violence committed at Nootka, and to remove the Grounds of similar Disputes in future; as well as to secure to My Subjects the Exercise of their Navigation, Commerce, and Fisheries in those Parts of the World which were the Subject of Discussion.

The Zeal and Public Spirit manifested by all Ranks of My Subjects, and the Disposition and Conduct of My Allies, had left Me no room to doubt of the most vigorous and effectual Support; but no Event could have afforded Me so much Satisfaction, as the Attainment of the Objects which I had in View, without any actual Interruption of the Blessings of Peace.

Since the last Session of Parliament, a Foundation has been laid for a Pacification between Austria and the Porte; and I am now employing My Mediation, in Conjunction with My Allies, for the Purpose of negotiating a Definitive Treaty between those Powers, and of endeavouring to put an End to the Dissentions in the Netherlands, in whose Situation I am necessarily concerned, from Considerations of National Interest, as well as from the Engagements of Treaties.

A separate Peace has taken Place between Russia and Sweden; but the War between the former of those Powers and the Porte still continues. The Principles on which I have hitherto acted, will make Me always desirous of employing the Weight and Influence of this Country in contributing to the Restoration of General Tranquillity.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Accounts of the Expences of the late Armaments, and the Estimates for the ensuing Year, to be laid before you.

Painful as it is to Me at all Times to see any Increase of the Public Burthens, I am persuaded you will agree with me in thinking that the Extent of Our Preparations was dictated by a due Regard to the existing Circumstances, and that you will reflect with Pleasure on so striking a Proof of the Advantages