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*Westminster, July 11, 1794.*

**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 make the following most gracious Speech :

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**T**HE State of Publick Business enables Me now to close this Session of Parliament ; in doing which I have again to acknowledge that Assiduity and Zeal for the Interests of My People, of which you had before given Me so many Proofs, and which have been so particularly manifested in the present Year.

I am persuaded that you entertain too just a Sense of the Nature and Importance of the Contest in which We are engaged, to suffer your Zeal to be abated, or your Perseverance shaken, by the recent Successes of the Enemy in the Netherlands.

In a Moment which so strongly calls for Energy and Vigour, it is peculiarly gratifying to Me to reflect on the uniform Skill and Bravery of My Fleets and Armies, the undaunted Spirit and unwearied Exertions of My Officers and Troops in every Situation, and the general Publick Spirit of My People, which have never, at any Period, been more conspicuous.

I have observed, with the highest Satisfaction, the rapid and valuable Acquisitions made in the East and West Indies, the successful Operations which have been carried on in the Mediterranean, and the brilliant and decisive Victory obtained by My Fleet under the Command of Earl Howe, an Event which

must ever be remembered as one of the most glorious in the Naval History of this Country.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I return you My warmest Thanks for the Cheerfulness and Liberality with which you have granted the large Supplies which were necessary for the Service of the Year, and for the Maintenance of a Cause equally important to the Security and Happiness of every Class of My Subjects.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I feel it incumbent upon Me particularly to acknowledge your Diligence in the Investigation of the Designs which had been formed against the Government and Constitution of these Kingdoms, and to thank you for the Confidence you have reposed in Me on this Occasion. It will be a principal Object of My Attention to make a vigorous and prudent Use of the additional Powers vested in Me for the Protection and Security of My People ; and relying, as I do, with the utmost Confidence, on the uniform Loyalty and Publick Spirit of the great Body of My Subjects, I have no Doubt of speedily and effectually repressing every Attempt to disturb the Publick Peace, and of defeating the wicked Designs which have been in Agitation.

It must not, however, be forgotten, that these Designs against our Domestic Happiness are essentially connected with the System now prevailing in France, of which the Principles and Spirit are irreconcilably hostile to all regular and established Government : And that we are therefore called upon, by every Consideration of Our own internal Safety, to continue Our Efforts in Conjunction with My Allies, and to persevere with increased Vigour and Exertion in a Contest, from the successful Termination of which