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*Westminster, December 30, 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,*

**A**FTER the uniform Experience which I have had of your zealous Regard for the Interests of My People, it is a great Satisfaction to Me to recur to your Advice and Assistance at a Period which calls for the full Exertion of your Energy and Wisdom.

Notwithstanding the Disappointments and Reverses which We have experienced in the Course of the last Campaign, I retain a firm Conviction of the Necessity of persisting in a vigorous Prosecution of the just and necessary War in which We are engaged.

You will, I am confident, agree with Me, that it is only from Firmness and Perseverance that We can hope for the Restoration of Peace on safe and honourable Grounds, and for the Preservation and permanent Security of Our dearest Interests.

In considering the Situation of Our Enemies, you will not fail to observe, that the Efforts which have led to their Successes, and the unexampled Means by which alone those Efforts could have been supported, have produced among themselves the pernicious Ef-

fects which were to be expected; and that every Thing which has passed in the Interior of the Country has shewn the progressive and rapid Decay of their Resources, and the Instability of every Part of that violent and unnatural System, which is equally ruinous to France and incompatible with the Tranquillity of other Nations.

The States-General of the United Provinces have nevertheless been led, by a Sense of present Difficulties, to enter into Negotiations for Peace with the Party now prevailing in that unhappy Country. No established Government or independent State can, under the present Circumstances, derive real Security from such Negotiations: On Our Part, they could not be attempted without sacrificing both Our Honour and Safety to an Enemy whose chief Animosity is avowedly directed against these Kingdoms.

I have therefore continued to use the most effectual Means for the further Augmentation of My Forces; and I shall omit no Opportunity of concerning the Operations of the next Campaign with such of the Powers of Europe as are impressed with the same Sense of the Necessity of Vigour and Exertion. I place the fullest Reliance on the Valour of My Forces, and on the Affection and Public Spirit of My People, in whose Behalf I am contending, and whose Safety and Happiness are the Objects of My constant Solicitude.

The local Importance of Corsica, and the spirited Efforts of its Inhabitants to deliver themselves from the Yoke of France, determined me not to with-

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