

granted to meet the Exigencies of the War. While I regret the Extent of those Demands, which the present Circumstances necessarily occasion, it is a great Consolation to Me to observe the increasing Resources by which the Country is enabled to support them.

These Resources are particularly manifested in the State of the different Branches of the Revenue, in the continued and progressive Extension of Our Navigation and Commerce, in the Steps which have been taken for maintaining and improving the Publick Credit, and in the additional Provision which has been made for the Reduction of the National Debt.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I shall ever reflect, with heartfelt Satisfaction, on the uniform Wisdom, Temper, and Firmness, which have appeared in all your Proceedings since I first met you in this Place. Called to deliberate on the Publick Affairs of your Country, in a Period of Domestic and Foreign Tranquillity, you had the Happiness of contributing to raise this Kingdom to a State of unexampled Prosperity.

You were suddenly compelled to relinquish the full Advantages of this Situation, in order to resist the unprovoked Aggression of an Enemy, whose Hostility was directed against all Civil Society, but more particularly against the happy Union of Order and Liberty, as established in these Kingdoms.

The Nature of the System introduced into France afforded to that Country, in the Midst of its Calamities, the Means of Exertion beyond the Experience of any former Time. Under the Pressure of the new and unprecedented Difficulties arising from such a Contest, you have shewn yourselves worthy of all the Blessings that you inherit. By your Councils and Conduct the Constitution has been preserved inviolate against the Designs of Foreign and Domestic Enemies; the Honor of the British Name has been asserted; the Rank and Station which We have hitherto held in Europe has been maintained; and the decided Superiority of Our Naval Power has been established in every Quarter of the World.

You have omitted no Opportunity to prove your just Anxiety for the Re-establishment of General Peace on secure and honourable Terms; but you have, at the same Time, rendered it manifest to the World, that while Our Enemies shall persist in Dispositions incompatible with that Object, neither the Resources of My Kingdom, nor the Spirit of My People, will be wanting to the Support of a just Cause, and to the Defence of all their dearest Interests.

A due Sense of this Conduct is deeply impressed on My Heart.—I trust that all My Subjects are animated with the same Sentiments; and that their Loyalty and Publick Spirit will ensure the Continuance of that Union and mutual Confidence between Me and My Parliament, which best promote the true Dignity and Glory of My Crown, and the genuine Happiness of My People.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said;

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Fifth Day of July next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Fifth Day of July next.

By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
*For Dissolving this present Parliament, and declaring  
the Calling of another.*

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament, which now stands prorogued to Tuesday the Fifth Day of July next: We do, for that End, publish this Our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly. And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgeffes, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on Tuesday the said Fifth Day of July next. And We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a New Parliament: And do hereby further declare, that, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, We have this Day given Order to Our Chancellor of Great Britain to issue out Writs, in due Form, for calling a New Parliament; which Writs are to bear Teste on Saturday the Twenty-first Day of this instant May, and to be returnable on Tuesday the Twelfth Day of July following.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Twentieth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, in the Thirty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
*In order to the Electing and Summoning the Sixteen  
Peers of Scotland.*

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS We have, in Our Council, thought fit to declare Our Pleasure, for Summoning and Holding a Parliament of Great Britain, on Tuesday the Twelfth Day of July next ensuing the Date hereof: In order, therefore, to the Electing and Summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, who are to sit in the House of Peers in the said Parliament, We do, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holy-Rood House, in Edinburgh, on Thursday the Thirtieth Day of June next ensuing, between the Hours of Twelve and Two in the Afternoon, to nominate and choose the Sixteen Peers, to sit and vote in the House of Peers, in the said ensuing Parliament, by open Election and Plurality of Voices of the Peers which shall be then present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent, (such Proxies being Peers, and producing a Mandate in Writing duly signed before Witnesses, and both the Constituent and Proxy being qualified according to Law.) And the Lord Clerk Register, or such Two of the Principal Clerks of the Session, as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his Name, are hereby respectively required to attend such Meeting, and to administer the Oaths required by Law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their Votes; and, immediately after such Election made, and duly examined, to certify the Names