

An Act for allowing a further Time for carrying into Execution certain Powers contained in Two Acts of the present Session of Parliament for raising a Provisional Cavalry, so far as the same relate to the registering and accepting of Volunteers in Lieu of the said Provisional Cavalry, in such Counties and Sub-Divisions of Counties wherein the said Acts have not been carried into Execution.

An Act to enable His Majesty more easily and effectually to grant conditional Pardons to Persons under Sentence by Naval Courts Martial; and to regulate Imprisonment under such Sentences.

An Act to enable the Deputy of the Clerk of the House of Commons, for the Time being, to send and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage.

An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the more effectual Prevention of the Use of defective Weights, and of false and unequal Balances.

An Act to amend an Act made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for better securing the Freedom of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, by disabling certain Officers employed in the Collection or Management of His Majesty's Revenues from giving their Votes at such Elections, by extending the Provisions thereof to Persons voting in any Meeting of Freeholders for Prefes or Clerk, or on any Question relative to the Adjustment of the Roll of Freeholders, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland; and for empowering Freeholders to administer the Oath of Trust and Possession to Persons offering to vote for Prefes and Clerks,

And to One Private Bill.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I Cannot put an End to this Session of Parliament without returning you My most sincere and cordial Thanks for the Assiduity and Zeal with which you have applied yourselves to the important Objects which have required your Attention, and for the Wisdom and Firmness which you have manifested in the new and difficult Emergencies for which you have had to provide.

I must particularly express the just Sense I entertain of the salutary and effectual Provisions which you made for strengthening the Means of National Defence, and the Measures adopted for obviating the Inconveniencies which were to be apprehended to Credit from the temporary Suspension of Payments in Cash by the Bank; as well as of the Promptitude, Vigour, and Effect, with which you afforded Me your Assistance and Support in suppressing the daring and treasonable Mutiny which broke out in a Part of My Fleet, and in counteracting so dangerous and pernicious an Example.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that since the Accession of the present Emperor of Russia, the Commercial Engagements between the Two Countries have been renewed in such a Manner as will, I doubt not, materially conduce to their mutual Interests.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I must return you My particular Thanks for the liberal and extensive Provision which you have made for the various Exigencies of the Public Service; and, while I lament the Necessity which encreased them to so large an Amount, it is a Consolation to Me to observe the Attention you employed in distributing the heavy Burdens which they occasioned, in such a Manner as to render their Pressure as little severe as possible to My People.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

The Issue of the important Negotiation in which I am engaged is yet uncertain: But, whatever may be the Event, nothing will have been wanting, on My Part, to bring it to a successful Termination on such Conditions as may be consistent with the Security, Honour, and essential Interests of My Dominions. In the mean Time, nothing can so much tend to forward the Attainment of Peace as the Continuance of that Zeal, Exertion, and Public Spirit, of which My Subjects have given such conspicuous and honourable Proofs, and of which the Perseverance and Firmness of Parliament has afforded them so striking an Example.

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 Thursday the Fifth Day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Fifth Day of October next.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 20th of July, 1797.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the Twenty-fifth of January last, prohibiting the transporting into any Parts out of this Kingdom any Pig-Iron, Bar-Iron, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Anchors, Cables, Cordage, Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Oars, Oakum, Oker, Sheet-Copper, or other Naval Stores, will expire upon the Twenty-fifth Day of this instant July: And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, and the Safety of this Kingdom, that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer; His Majesty doth therefore, with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit and command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever do at any Time, for the Space of Six Months, to commence from the said Twenty-fifth Day of this instant July, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, any Pig-Iron, Bar-Iron, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Anchors, Cables, Cordage, Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Oars, Oakum, Oker, Sheet-Copper, or other Naval Stores, or ship or lade any of the Articles above mentioned on board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same into any Parts beyond the Seas, without Leave or Permission being first had and obtained from His Majesty or His Privy