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Westminster, September 24, 1799.

THIS 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,

I have called you together at this unusual Season, in order to recommend it to you to consider of the Propriety of enabling Me without Delay to avail Myself to a further Extent of the voluntary Services of the Militia, at a Moment when an Encrease of Our active Force Abroad may be productive of the most important and beneficial Consequences.

We have seen the happy Effects of the Measure which you adopted on this Subject in the last Session; and the Forces which I was thereby enabled to employ have already displayed, in the Face of the Enemy, a Courage, Discipline, and Steadiness, worthy of the Character of British Soldiers.

In the short Interval since the Close of the last Session Our Situation and Prospects have, under the Blessing of Providence, improved beyond the most sanguine Expectation. The Abilities and Valour of the Commanders and Troops of the Combined Imperial Armies have continued to be eminently displayed. The Deliverance of Italy may now be considered as secured by the Result of a Campaign, equal in Splendour and Success to any the most brilliant recorded in History; and I have had the heartfelt Satisfaction of seeing the Valour of My Fleets and Armies successfully employed to the Assistance of My Allies, to the Support of Our just

Cause, and to the Advancement of the most important Interests of the British Empire.

The Kingdom of Naples has been rescued from the French Yoke, and restored to the Dominion of its lawful Sovereign, and My former Connections with that Power have been renewed.

The French Expedition to Egypt, has continued to be productive of Calamity and Disgrace to Our Enemies, while its ultimate Views against Our Eastern Possessions have been utterly confounded. The desperate Attempt which they have lately made to extricate themselves from their Difficulties has been defeated by the Courage of the Turkish Forces, directed by the Skill, and animated by the Heroism of a British Officer, with a small Portion of My Naval Force under his Command; and the Overthrow of that restless and perfidious Power, who, infligated by the Artifices, and deluded by the Promises of the French, had entered into their ambitious and destructive Projects in India, has placed the British Interests in that Quarter in a State of solid and permanent Security.

The Vigilance, Decision, and Wisdom of the Governor-General in Council on this great and important Occasion, and the tried Abilities and Valour of the Commanders, Officers, and Troops employed under his Direction, are entitled to My highest Praise.

There is, I trust, every Reason to expect that the Effort which I am making for the Deliverance of the United Provinces will prove successful. The British Arms have rescued from the Possession of the Enemy the principal Port and Naval Arsenal of the Dutch Republic; and although we have to regret the Loss of many brave Men in a subsequent Attack against the Enemy, whose Position enabled them to obstruct our Progress, I have the strongest Ground to expect that the Skill of My Generals, and the determined Resolution and Intrepidity of My Troops, and of those of My Allies, will soon surmount every Obstacle; and that the