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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 the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that the important Negotiations, in which I was engaged at the Close of the last Session of Parliament, are brought to a favourable Conclusion. The Differences with the Northern Powers have been adjusted by a Convention with the Emperor of Russia, to which the Kings of Denmark and Sweden have expressed their Readiness to accede. The essential Rights for which We contended are thereby secured, and Provision is made that the Exercise of them shall be attended with as little Molestation as possible to the Subjects of the contracting Parties.

Preliminaries of Peace have also been ratified between Me and the French Republic; and I trust that this important Arrangement, whilst it manifests the Justice and Moderation of My Views, will also be found conducive to the substantial Interests of this Country, and honorable to the British Character :— Copies of these Papers shall forthwith be laid before you; and I earnestly hope that the Transactions to which they refer will meet with the Approbation of My Parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have directed such Estimates to be prepared of the various Demands for the public Service as appear to Me to be best adapted to the Situation in which We are now placed. It is painful to Me to reflect that Provision cannot be made for defraying

the Expences which must unavoidably be continued, for a Time, in different Parts of the World, and for maintaining an adequate Peace Establishment, without large additional Supplies. You may, however, be assured that all possible Attention shall be paid to such economical Arrangements as may not be inconsistent with the great Object of effectually providing for the Security of all My Dominions.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I cannot sufficiently describe the Gratification and Comfort I derive from the Relief, which the Bounty of Divine Providence has afforded to My People, by the abundant Produce of the late Harvest :—In contemplating the Situation of the Country at this important Conjuncture, it is impossible for Me to refrain from expressing the deep Sense I entertain of the Temper and Fortitude which have been manifested by all Descriptions of My faithful Subjects, under the various and complicated Difficulties with which they have had to contend.

The distinguished Valour and eminent Services of My Forces by Sea and Land, which, at no Period, have been surpassed; the unprecedented Exertions of the Militia and Fencibles; and the Zeal and Perseverance of the Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps of Cavalry and Infantry, are entitled to My warmest Acknowledgments; and I am persuaded, that you will join with Me in reflecting, with peculiar Satisfaction, on the Naval and Military Operations of the last Campaign; and on the successful and glorious Issue of the Expedition to Egypt, which has been marked throughout by Achievements, tending, in their Consequences and by their Example, to produce lasting Advantage and Honor to this Country.

It is My first Wish, and most fervent Prayer, that My People may experience the Reward they have so well merited, in a full Enjoyment of the Blessings of Peace, in a progressive Increase of the National Commerce, Credit, and Resources; and, above all, in the undisturbed Possession of their Religion, Laws, and Liberties, under the Safeguard and Pro-

