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Westminster, November 23, 1802.

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,

It is highly gratifying to Me to resort to your Advice and Assistance after the Opportunity which has been recently afforded of collecting the Sense of My People.

The internal Prosperity of the Country has realised Our most sanguine Hopes. We have experienced the Bounty of Divine Providence in the Produce of an abundant Harvest; the State of the Manufactures, Commerce, and Revenue of My United Kingdom is flourishing beyond Example; and the Loyalty and Attachment which are manifested to My Person and Government afford the strongest Indications of the just Sense that is entertained of the numerous Blessings enjoyed under the Protection of Our happy Constitution.

In My Intercourse with Foreign Powers I have been actuated by a sincere Disposition for the Maintenance of Peace; it is nevertheless impossible for Me to lose Sight of that established and wise System of Policy by which the Interests of other States are connected with Our own; and I cannot, therefore, be indifferent to any material Change in their relative Condition and Strength.—My Conduct will be invariably regulated by a due Consideration of the actual Situation of Europe, and by a watchful So-

licitude for the permanent Welfare of My People.—You will, I am persuaded, agree with Me in thinking that it is incumbent upon Us to adopt those Means of Security which are best calculated to afford the Prospect of preserving to My Subjects the Blessings of Peace.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before you; and I rely on your Zeal and Liberality in providing for the various Branches of the Public Service, which, it is a great Satisfaction to Me to think, may be fully accomplished without any considerable Addition to the Burthens of My People.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I contemplate, with the utmost Satisfaction, the great and increasing Benefits produced by that important Measure which has united the Interests and consolidated the Resources of Great Britain and Ireland. The Improvement and Extension of these Advantages will be Objects of your unremitting Care and Attention. The Trade and Commerce of My Subjects, so essential to the Support of Public Credit, and of Our Maritime Strength, will, I am persuaded, receive from you every possible Encouragement; and you will readily lend your Assistance in affording to mercantile Transactions in every Part of My United Kingdom, all the Facility and Accommodation that may be consistent with the Security of the Public Revenue.

To uphold the Honor of the Country, to encourage its Industry, to improve its Resources, and to maintain the true Principles of the Constitution in Church and State, are the great and leading Duties which you are called upon to discharge. In the Performance of them, you may be assured