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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 21st of November 1803,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Colonies of Demerara and Essequibo have surrendered to His Majesty's Arms, and the Territories and Forts of the same are delivered up to His Majesty, and the said Colonies are now in His Majesty's Possession; His Majesty is thereupon pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, That all His Majesty's Subjects may lawfully trade to and from the said Colonies, subject, nevertheless, to the same Duties, Rules, Regulations, Conditions, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, to which the Trade to and from His Majesty's Colonies, Plantations, and Islands in the West Indies, is or shall be subject by Law: And His Majesty is further pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that all Commodities, being the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of the said Colonies, being in His Majesty's Possession, shall be permitted to be imported into any of the Ports of this Kingdom in British Ships, owned by His Majesty's Subjects, and navigated according to Law, subject to the same Duties, Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Conditions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as Articles of the like Sort are subject to, coming from His Majesty's Colonies, Plantations, or Islands in the West Indies: And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Stephen Cottrell.

Westminster, November 22, 1803.

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,

SINCE I last met you in Parliament it has been My chief Object to carry into Effect those Measures which your Wisdom had adopted for the Defence of the United Kingdom, and for the vigorous Prosecution of the War. In these Preparations I have been seconded by the voluntary Exertions of all Ranks of My People, in a Manner that has, if possible, strengthened their Claims to My Confidence and Affection: They have proved that the Menaces of the Enemy have only served to rouse their native and hereditary Spirit; and that all other Considerations are lost in a general Disposition to make those Efforts and Sacrifices which the Honor and Safety of the Kingdom demand at this important and critical Conjunction.

Though My Attention has principally been directed to the great Object of internal Security, no Opportunity has been lost of making an Impression on the foreign Possessions of the Enemy: The Islands of St. Lucia, of Tobago, of St. Pierre and Miquelon, and the Settlements of Demerara and Essequibo, have surrendered to the British Arms. In the Conduct of the Operations, by which those valuable Acquisitions have been made, the utmost Promptitude and Zeal have been displayed by the Officers employed on those Services, and by My Forces acting under their Command, by Sea and Land.

In Ireland, the Leaders, and several inferior Agents, in the late traitorous and atrocious Conspiracy, have been brought to Justice; and the public Tranquillity has experienced no further Interruption. I indulge the Hope, that such of My deluded Subjects as have swerved from their Allegiance are now convinced of their Error; and that,