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*The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Friday, June 26, 1807.*

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**WE** have it in Command from His Majesty to state to you, that, having deemed it expedient to recur to the Sense of His People, His Majesty, in Conformity to His declared Intention, has lost no Time in causing the present Parliament to be assembled.

His Majesty has great Satisfaction in acquainting you that, since the Events which led to the Dissolution of the last Parliament, His Majesty has received, in numerous Addresses from His Subjects, the warmest Assurances of their affectionate Attachment to His Person and Government, and of their firm Resolution to support Him, in maintaining the just Rights of His Crown, and the true Principles of the Constitution; and He commands us to express His entire Confidence, that He shall experience in all your Deliberations a Determination to afford Him an equally loyal, zealous, and affectionate Support under all the arduous Circumstances of the present Time.

We are commanded by His Majesty to inform you, that His Majesty's Endeavours have been most anxiously employed for the Purpose of drawing closer the Ties by which His Majesty is connected with the Powers of the Continent; of assisting the Efforts of those Powers against the Ambition and Oppressions of France; of forming such Engagements as may ensure their continued Cooperation; and of establishing that mutual Confidence and Concert, so essential, under any Course of Events, to the Restoration of a solid and permanent Peace in Europe.

It would have afforded His Majesty the greatest Pleasure, to have been enabled to inform you, that

the Mediation undertaken by His Majesty for the Purpose of preserving Peace between His Majesty's Ally the Emperor of Russia and the Sublime Porte had proved effectual for that important Object; His Majesty deeply regrets the Failure of that Mediation, accompanied as it was by the Disappointment of the Efforts of His Majesty's Squadron in the Sea of Marmora, and followed as it has since been by the Losses which have been sustained by His gallant Troops in Egypt.

His Majesty could not but lament the Extension of Hostilities in any Quarter which should create a Diversion in the War so favourable to the Views of France; but lamenting it especially in the Instance of a Power with which His Majesty has been so closely connected, and which has been so recently indebted for its Protection against the Encroachments of France, to the signal and successful Interposition of His Majesty's Arms.

His Majesty has directed us to acquaint you, that He has thought it right to adopt such Measures as might best enable Him, in Concert with the Emperor of Russia, to take Advantage of any favourable Opportunity for bringing the Hostilities in which they are engaged against the Sublime Porte to a Conclusion, consistent with His Majesty's Honour, and the Interests of His Ally.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

His Majesty has ordered the Estimates for the current Year to be laid before you, and He relies on the tried Loyalty and Zeal of His faithful Commons to make such Provision for the Public Service, as well as for the further Application of the Sums which were granted in the last Parliament, as may appear to be necessary. And His Majesty, bearing constantly in Mind the Necessity of a careful and economical Administration of the pecuniary Re-