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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Thursday, January 19, 1809.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE have it in Command from His Majesty to state to you, that His Majesty has called you together in perfect Confidence that you are prepared cordially to support His Majesty in the Prosecution of a War, which there is no Hope of terminating safely and honourably, except through vigorous and persevering Exertion.

We are to acquaint you, that His Majesty has directed to be laid before you Copies of the Proposals for opening a Negotiation, which were transmitted to His Majesty from Erfurth; and of the Correspondence which thereupon took place with the Governments of Russia and of France, together with the Declaration issued by His Majesty's Command on the Termination of that Correspondence.

His Majesty is persuaded, that you will participate in the Feelings which were expressed by His Majesty, when it was required that His Majesty should consent to commence the Negotiation, by abandoning the Cause of Spain, which he had so recently and solemnly espoused.

We are commanded to inform you, that His Majesty continues to receive from the Spanish Government the strongest Assurances of their determined Perseverance in the Cause of the legitimate Monarchy, and of the National Independence of Spain; and to assure you, that so long as the People of Spain shall remain true to themselves, His Majesty will continue to them His most strenuous Assistance and Support.

His Majesty has renewed to the Spanish Nation, in the Moment of its Difficulties and Reverses, the Engagements which He voluntarily contracted at the Outset of its Struggle against the Usurpation and Tyranny of France; and we are commanded to acquaint you, that these Engagements have been reduced into the Form of a Treaty of Alliance;

which Treaty, so soon as the Ratifications shall have been exchanged, His Majesty will cause to be laid before you.

His Majesty commands us to state to you, that while His Majesty contemplated with the liveliest Satisfaction the Achievement of His Forces in the Commencement of the Campaign in Portugal, and the Deliverance of the Kingdom of His Ally from the Prefence and Oppressions of the French Army, His Majesty most deeply regretted the Termination of that Campaign by an Armistice and Convention, of some of the Articles of which His Majesty has felt Himself obliged formally to declare His Disapprobation.

We are to express to you His Majesty's Reliance on your Disposition to enable His Majesty to continue the Aid afforded by His Majesty to the King of Sweden. That Monarch derives a peculiar Claim to His Majesty's Support in the present Exigency of His Affairs, from having concurred with His Majesty in the Propriety of rejecting any Proposal for Negotiation to which the Government of Spain was not to be admitted as a Party.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We are commanded by His Majesty to inform you, that He has directed the Estimates of the current Year to be laid before you. His Majesty relies upon your Zeal and Affection to make such further Provision of Supply as the vigorous Prosecution of the War may render necessary; and He trusts that you may be enabled to find the Means of providing such Supply without any great or immediate Increase of the existing Burthens upon His People.

His Majesty feels assured that it will be highly satisfactory to you to learn, that, notwithstanding the Measures resorted to by the Enemy for the Purpose of destroying the Commerce and Resources of His Kingdom, the Public Revenue has continued in a Course of progressive Improvement.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We are directed to inform you, that the Measure