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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Thursday, February 1, 1816.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to express to you His deep regret at the continuance of His Majesty's lamented indisposition.

The Prince Regent directs us to acquaint you, that He has had the greatest satisfaction in calling you together, under circumstances which enable Him to announce to you the restoration of Peace throughout Europe.

The splendid and decisive successes obtained by His Majesty's arms, and those of His Allies, had led, at an early period of the campaign, to the re-establishment of the authority of His Most Christian Majesty in the capital of His dominions; and it has been since that time His Royal Highness's most earnest endeavour to promote such arrangements as appeared to Him best calculated to provide for the lasting repose and security of Europe.

In the adjustment of these arrangements it was natural to expect that many difficulties would occur; but the Prince Regent trusts it will be found that, by moderation and firmness, they have been effectually surmounted.

To the intimate union which has happily subsisted between the Allied Powers, the nations of the Continent have twice owed their deliverance. His Royal Highness has no doubt that you will be sensible of the great importance of maintaining in its full force that Alliance, from which so many advantages have already been derived, and which

affords the best prospect of the continuance of peace.

The Prince Regent has directed copies of the several Treaties and Conventions which have been concluded to be laid before you.

The extraordinary situation in which the Powers of Europe have been placed, from the circumstances which have attended the French revolution, and more especially in consequence of the events of last year, has induced the Allies to adopt precautionary measures, which they consider as indispensably necessary for the general security.

As His Royal Highness has concurred in these measures, from a full conviction of their justice and sound policy, He relies confidently on your co-operation in such proceedings as may be necessary for carrying them into effect.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Prince Regent has directed the estimates for the present year to be laid before you.

His Royal Highness is happy to inform you, that the manufactures, commerce, and revenue of the United Kingdom are in a flourishing condition.

The great exertions which you enabled Him to make, in the course of the last year, afforded the means of bringing the contest in which we were engaged to so glorious and speedy a termination.

The Prince Regent laments the heavy pressure upon the country which such exertions could not fail to produce; and His Royal Highness has commanded us to assure you, that you may rely on every disposition, on his part, to concur in such measures of economy as may be found consistent with the security of the country, and with that station which we occupy in Europe.