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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Thursday the 21st day of January 1819.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to express to you the deep regret which He feels in the continuance of His Majesty's lamented indisposition.

In announcing to you the severe calamity with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit the Prince Regent, the Royal Family, and the nation, by the death of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom, His Royal Highness has commanded us to direct your attention to the consideration of such measures as this melancholy event has rendered necessary and expedient with respect to the care of His Majesty's sacred person.

We are directed to inform you, that the negotiations which have taken place at Aix-la-Chapelle, have led to the evacuation of the French territory by the allied armies.

The Prince Regent has given orders, that the Convention concluded for this purpose, as well as the other documents connected with this arrangement, shall be laid before you: and He is persuaded, that you will view with peculiar satisfaction the intimate union which so happily subsists amongst the Powers who were parties to these transactions, and the unvaried disposition which has been manifested in all their proceedings for the preservation of the peace and tranquillity of Europe.

The Prince Regent has commanded us further to acquaint you, that a Treaty has been concluded between His Royal Highness and the Government of the United States of America, for the renewal,

for a further term of years, of the Commercial Convention now subsisting between the two nations, and for the amicable adjustment of several points of mutual importance to the interests of both countries; and, as soon as the ratifications shall have been exchanged, His Royal Highness will give directions that a copy of this Treaty shall be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Prince Regent has directed that the estimates for the current year shall be laid before you.

His Royal Highness feels assured, that you will learn with satisfaction the extent of reduction which the present situation of Europe, and the circumstances of the British empire, have enabled His Royal Highness to effect in the naval and military establishments of the country.

His Royal Highness has also the gratification of announcing to you a considerable and progressive improvement of the Revenue in its most important branches.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Prince Regent has directed to be laid before you such papers as are necessary to shew the origin and result of the war in the East Indies.

His Royal Highness commands us to inform you, that the operations undertaken by the Governor-General in Council against the Pindarries were dictated by the strictest principles of self defence; and that in the extended hostilities which followed upon those operations, the Mahrattah Princes were in every instance the aggressors. Under the provident and skilful superintendance of the Marquess of Hastings, the campaign was marked in every point by brilliant achievements and suc-