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Carlton-House, February 5, 1822.

THIS day His Majesty proceeded in state from Carlton-House to the House of Peers, where he arrived at a quarter before two o'clock; and, having alighted from the state coach, was received at the portico by the Great Officers of State and others, and proceeded to the robing room in the customary manner, wearing a cap of estate adorned with jewels: the sword of state being borne by Field-Marshal His Grace the Duke of Wellington, K. G.

His Majesty was there robed, and having put on the imperial crown, the procession moved into the House in the usual order.

His Majesty being seated upon the Throne, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt, Knt. 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 deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I HAVE the satisfaction of informing you that I continue to receive from Foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition towards this Country.

It is impossible for Me not to feel deeply interested in any event that may have a tendency to disturb the peace of Europe. My endeavours have therefore been directed, in conjunction with My Allies, to the settlement of the differences which

have unfortunately arisen between the Court of St. Petersburg and the Ottoman Porte, and I have reason to entertain hopes that these differences will be satisfactorily adjusted.

In My late visit to Ireland I derived the most sincere gratification from the loyalty and attachment manifested by all classes of My subjects. With this impression it must be matter of the deepest concern to Me that a spirit of outrage, which has led to daring and systematic violations of the law, has arisen and still prevails in some parts of that Country.

I am determined to use all the means in My power for the protection of the persons and property of My loyal and peaceable subjects; and it will be for your immediate consideration whether the existing laws are sufficient for this purpose.

Notwithstanding this serious interruption of public tranquillity, I have the satisfaction of believing that My presence in Ireland has been productive of very beneficial effects; and all descriptions of My people may confidently rely upon the just and equal administration of the laws, and upon My paternal solicitude for their welfare.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

It is very gratifying to Me to be able to inform you that during the last year the revenue has exceeded that of the preceding, and appears to be in a course of progressive improvement.

I have directed the estimates of the current year to be laid before you. They have been framed with every attention to economy which the circumstances of the Country will permit; and it will be satisfactory to you to learn that I have been able to make a large reduction in our annual expendi-