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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, February 3, 1824.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by His Majesty to express to you His Majesty's deep regret, that in consequence of indisposition He is prevented from meeting you in Parliament upon the present occasion.

It would have been a peculiar satisfaction to His Majesty to be enabled in Person to congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the country.

Trade and commerce are extending themselves both at home and abroad.

An increasing activity pervades almost every branch of manufacture.

The growth of the revenue is such, as not only to sustain public credit, and to prove the unimpaired productiveness of our resources, but (what is yet more gratifying to His Majesty's feelings) to evince a diffusion of comfort among the great body of His people.

Agriculture is recovering from the depression under which it laboured: and, by the steady operation of natural causes, is gradually re-assuming the station to which its importance entitles it among the great interests of the nation.

At no former period has there prevailed throughout all classes of the community in this Island a more cheerful spirit of order, or a more

just sense of the advantages which, under the blessing of Providence, they enjoy.

In Ireland, which has for some time past been the subject of His Majesty's particular solicitude, there are many indications of amendment; and His Majesty relies upon your continued endeavours to secure the welfare and happiness of that part of the United Kingdom.

His Majesty has commanded us further to inform you, that He has every reason to believe that the progress of our internal prosperity and improvement will not be disturbed by any interruption of tranquillity abroad.

His Majesty continues to receive from the Powers His Allies, and generally from all Princes and States, assurances of their earnest desire to maintain and cultivate the relations of friendship with His Majesty; and nothing is omitted on His Majesty's part, as well to preserve general peace as to remove any causes of disagreement, and to draw closer the bonds of amity between other nations and Great Britain.

The negotiations which have been so long carried on through His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, for the arrangement of differences between Russia and the Ottoman Porte, are, as His Majesty flatters himself, drawing near to a favourable termination,

A Convention has been concluded between His Majesty and the Emperor of Austria, for the settle-