

other corporations than those in the Act named, and any societies or partnerships, from effecting marine assurances and lending money on bottomry.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Southwark Bridge.

An Act for making and maintaining a tunnel under the River Thames from some place in the parish of Saint John, of Wapping, in the county of Middlesex, to the opposite shore of the said river, in the parish of Saint Mary, Rotherhithe, in the county of Surrey, with sufficient approaches thereto.

An Act to encourage the working of mines in Ireland, and to regulate a joint stock company for that purpose to be called the Royal Irish Mining Company.

An Act to enable the mining company of Ireland to sue and be sued in the name of their Secretary, or of one of the members of the said company.

Carlton-House, June 25, 1824.

THIS day His Majesty proceeded in state from Carlton-House to the House of Peers, where he arrived at a quarter after 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 give His Royal assent to

An Act for raising the sum of fifteen millions, by Exchequer Bills, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and for further appropriating the supplies granted in this session of Parliament.

An Act to enable the Hibernian Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of purchasing and selling annuities, and all public and other securities, real and personal, in Ireland, and to advance money and make loans thereof, on the security of such real and personal security, at legal interest, and on the security of merchandise and manufactured goods, to sue and be sued in the name of the Governor or Secretary for the time being.

An Act to enable the Saint Patrick Assurance

Company of Ireland to sue and be sued in the name of their Secretary, or of one of the members of the said Company.

After which His Majesty delivered the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I CANNOT close this Session of Parliament without returning to you My warmest acknowledgements for the diligence and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the several objects of public interest that have been submitted to your consideration.

I deeply regret the painful necessity under which you have found yourselves of renewing, for a further period, measures of extraordinary precaution in Ireland.

I entirely approve of the inquiries which you have thought proper to institute, as to the nature and extent of the evils unhappily existing in the disturbed districts of that country; and I have no doubt that you will see the expediency of pursuing your inquiries in another Session.

I continue to receive from all Foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition towards this country, and you may rely on My endeavours being invariably directed to the maintenance of general peace, and to the protection of the interests and the extension of the commerce of My subjects.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the supplies which you have provided for the service of the present year, and especially for the grants which you have so liberally made in furtherance of the interests of religion, and in support of the splendour of the Crown.

I am fully sensible of the advantages which may be expected to arise from the relief you have afforded to some of the most important branches of the national industry.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have the greatest satisfaction in repeating to you my congratulations upon the general and increasing prosperity of the country.

I am persuaded that you will carry with you into your respective counties the same spirit of harmony which has distinguished your deliberations during the present Session; and that you will cultivate among all classes of My subjects those feelings of content and of attachment to the Constitution, upon the continuance and diffusion of which, under