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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, January 29, 1828.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by His Majesty to acquaint you, that His Majesty continues to receive, from all Foreign Princes and States, assurances of their desire to maintain the relations of amity with this country; and that the Great Powers of Europe participate in the earnest wish of His Majesty to cultivate a good understanding upon all points which may conduce to the preservation of peace.

His Majesty has viewed for some time past, with great concern, the state of affairs in the East of Europe.

For several years a contest has been carried on between the Ottoman Porte and the inhabitants of the Greek provinces and islands, which has been marked on each side by excesses revolting to humanity.

In the progress of that contest, the rights of Neutral States, and the laws which regulate the intercourse of civilized Nations, have been repeatedly violated, and the peaceful commerce of His Majesty's subjects has been exposed to frequent interruption, and to depredations, too often aggravated by acts of violence and atrocity.

His Majesty has felt the deepest anxiety to terminate the calamities, and avert the dangers, inseparable from hostilities, which constitute the only exception to the general tranquillity of Europe.

Having been earnestly entreated by the Greeks to

interpose His good offices, with a view to effect a reconciliation between them and the Ottoman Porte, His Majesty concerted measures for that purpose, in the first instance with the Emperor of Russia, and subsequently with His Imperial Majesty and the King of France.

His Majesty has given directions that there should be laid before you copies of a Protocol signed at Saint Petersburg by the Plenipotentiaries of His Majesty and of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia, on the 4th of April 1826, and of the Treaty entered into between His Majesty and the Courts of the Tuileries and of Saint Petersburg, on the 6th of July 1827.

In the course of the measures adopted with a view to carry into effect the object of the Treaty, a collision, wholly unexpected by His Majesty, took place in the port of Navarin, between the fleets of the Contracting Powers and that of the Ottoman Porte.

Notwithstanding the valour displayed by the combined fleet, His Majesty deeply laments that this conflict should have occurred with the naval force of an ancient Ally; but he still entertains a confident hope, that this untoward event will not be followed by further hostilities, and will not impede that amicable adjustment of the existing differences between the Porte and the Greeks, to which it is so manifestly their common interest to accede.

In maintaining the national faith by adhering to the engagements into which His Majesty has entered,