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*St. James's-Palace, April 22, 1831.*

**T**HIS day His Majesty proceeded in state from St. James's-Palace to the House of Peers, where he arrived about three 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.

His Majesty was there robed, and 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 come to meet you for the purpose of proroguing this Parliament, with a view to its immediate dissolution.

I have been induced to resort to this measure for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of My People, in the way in which it can be most constitutionally and authentically expressed; on the expediency of making such changes in the Representation as circumstances may appear to require, and which, founded upon the acknowledged principles of the Constitution, may tend at once to uphold the just

rights and prerogatives of the Crown, and to give security to the liberties of the People.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the provision you have made for the maintenance of the honour and dignity of the Crown, and I offer you my special acknowledgments for the arrangements you have made for the state and comfort of My Royal Consort; I have also to thank you for the supplies which you have furnished for the public service; I have observed with satisfaction your endeavours to introduce a strict economy into every branch of that service; and I trust that the early attention of a new Parliament, which I shall forthwith direct to be called, will be applied to the prosecution of that important object.

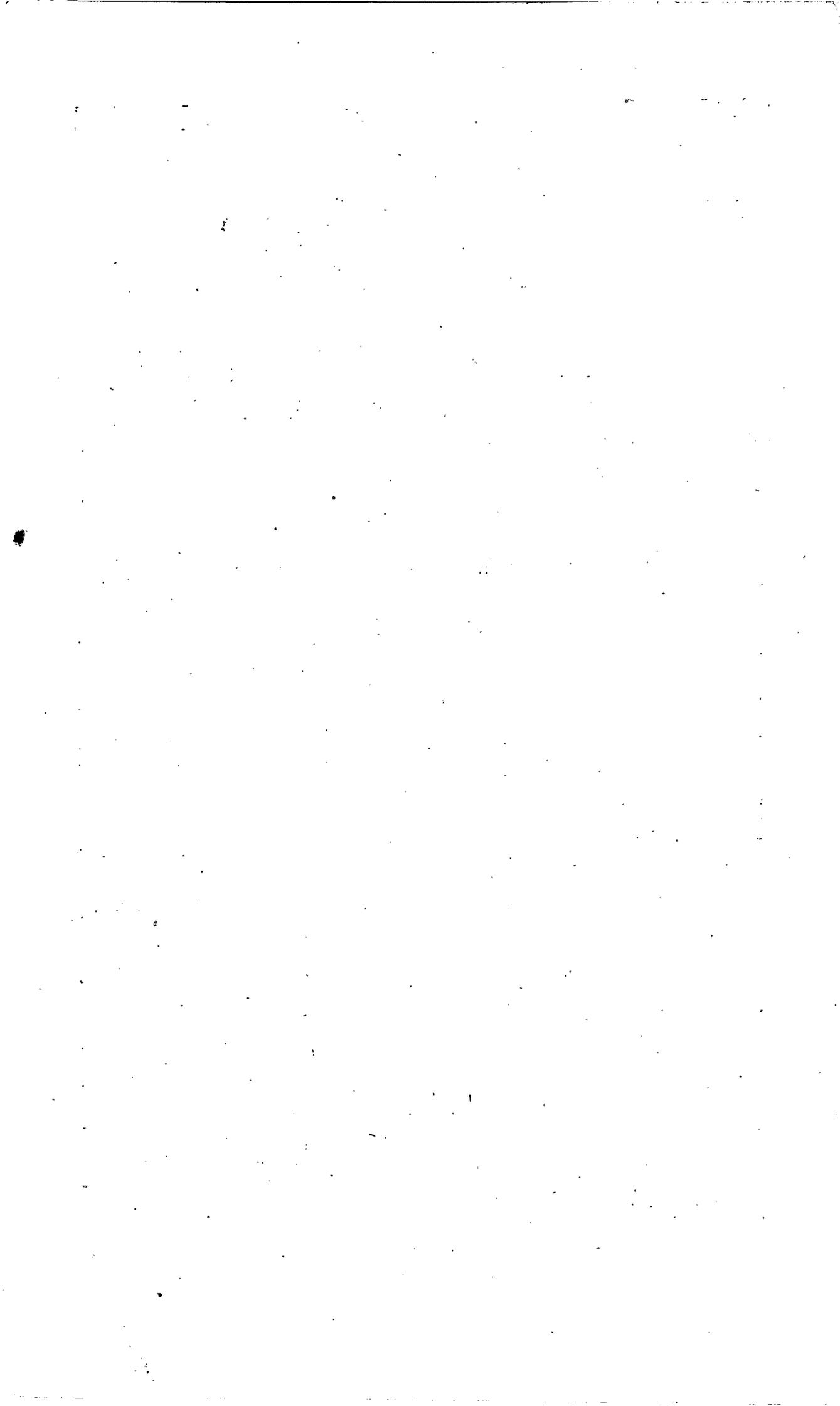
*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I am happy to inform you, that the friendly intercourse which subsists between Myself and Foreign Powers, affords the best hopes of the continuance of Peace, to the preservation of which My most anxious endeavours will be constantly directed.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

In resolving to recur to the sense of My People, in the present circumstances of the Country, I have been influenced only by a paternal anxiety for the contentment and happiness of My Subjects, to promote which I rely with confidence on your continued and zealous assistance.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's command, prorogued the Parliament accordingly.



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