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St. James's-Palace, February 24, 1835.

THIS day His Majesty proceeded in state from St. James's-Palace to the House of Peers, where he arrived about two o'clock; and was received, on alighting from his state coach, by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Steward of the Household, the Duke of Wellington, Clarenceux King of Arms, in the absence of Garter, and Black Rod, and proceeded to the robing-room in the customary manner.

His Majesty was there robed, and having put on the imperial crown; the procession moved into the House in the usual order;—the sword of state was borne by the Duke of Wellington, and the cap of maintenance by the Marquess of Winchester.

His Majesty being seated upon the Throne, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, Sir Augustus Clifford, Knt. the 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 AVAIL Myself of the earliest opportunity of meeting you in Parliament, after having recurred to the sense of My people.

You will, I am confident, fully participate in the regret which I feel at the destruction, by accidental fire, of that part of the ancient palace of Westminster which has been long appropriated to the use of the two houses of Parliament.

Upon the occurrence of this calamity, I gave immediate directions that the best provision of which the circumstances of the case would admit should be made for your present meeting, and it will be My wish to adopt such plans for your permanent accommodation as shall be deemed, on your joint consideration, to be the most fitting and convenient.

I will give directions that there be laid before you the report made to Me by the Privy Council in reference to the origin of the fire, and the evidence upon which that report was founded.

The assurances which I receive from My Allies, and generally from all Foreign Princes and States, of their earnest desire to cultivate the relations of amity, and to maintain with Me the most friendly understanding, justify, on My part, the confident expectation of the continuance of the blessings of peace.

The single exception to the general tranquillity of Europe is the civil contest which still prevails in some of the northern provinces of Spain.

I will give directions that there be laid before you articles, which I have concluded with My Allies, the King of the French, the Queen Regent of Spain, and the Queen of Portugal, which are supplementary to the Treaty of April 1834, and are intended to