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Whitehall, March 21.

Yesterday the Parliament met at Westminster, pursuant to Their Majesties Writs of Summons. And His Majesty being, in his Royal Robes, seated on the Throne in the House of Peers, attended with the usual Solemnity, the Commons were sent for up by the Black Rod, who accordingly attending, Sir Robert Atkins Knight of the Bath, Lord Chief Baron, and Speaker of the House of Peers, by His Majesties Command, signified to them His Majesties Pleasure, That they should forthwith proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and present him to His Majesty the next morning. After which the Commons returned to their House, and made Choice of Sir John Trevor Kt. to be their Speaker; who being this morning presented to His Majesty seated on the Throne in the House of Peers, His Majesty did graciously approve of him. And then His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to Both Houses; Which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am Resolved to leave nothing unattempted on My Part, which may contribute to the Peace and Prosperity of this Nation; And finding My Presence in Ireland will be absolutely necessary for the more speedy Reducing of that Kingdom, I continue My Resolution of going thither as soon as may be; And I have now Called you together for your Assistance, to Enable Me to Prosecute the War with Speed and Vigour: In which I Assure My Self of your Cheerful Concomerance, being a Work so necessary for your own Safeties.

In Order to this, I desire you will forthwith make a Settlement of the Revenue; and I cannot doubt, but you will therein have as much Regard for the Honour and Dignity of the Monarchy in My Hands, as has been lately shewed to others: And I have so great a Confidence in you, That if no Quicker or more Convenient way can be found for the Raising of Ready Money (without which the Service cannot be performed) I shall be very well Content, for the present, to have it made such a Fond of Credit as may be Useful to your selves as well as Me, in this Conjunction, not having the least Apprehensions, but that you will provide for the taking off all such Anticipations as it shall happen to fall under.

It is sufficiently known how earnestly I have Endeavoured to Extinguish (or at least Compose) all Differences amongst my Subjects, and to that End, how often I have Recommended an Act of Indemnity to the last Parliament; But since that Part of it which related to the Preventing of Private Suits is already Enacted, and because Debates of that Nature, must take up more of your Time than can now be spared from the Dispatch of those other Things, which are absolutely necessary for Our Common Safety, I intend to send you an Act of Grace, with Exceptions of some few Persons only, but such as may be sufficient to shew My great Dislike of their Crimes, and at the same time My Readiness to extend Protection to all My other Subjects, who will thereby see, that they can Recommend themselves to Me by no other Methods than what the Laws Prescribe, which shall always be the only Rules of My Government.

A further Reason which induceth Me to send you this Act at this time, is, Because I am desirous to leave no Colour of Excuse to any of My Subjects for the Raising of Disturbances in the Government, and especially in the time of My Absence: And I say this, both to Inform you, and to let some ill Affected Men see, That I am not unacquainted how busie they are in their present Endeavours to stir it.

Amongst other Encouragements which I find they give themselves, one of the Ways by which they hope to Compress their Design, is, By creating Differences and Disgraces

in your Counsels, which I hope you will be very Careful to prevent; For be assured, That Our greatest Enemies can have no better Instruments for their Purposes, than those who shall any way endeavour to Disturb or Delay your Speedy and Unanimous Proceeding upon these necessary Matters.

I must Recommend also to your Consideration an Union with Scotland; I do not mean it should now be entered upon, but they having Proposed this to Me some time since, and the Parliament there having Nominated Commissioners for that purpose, I should be glad that Commissioners might also be Nominated here to Treat with them, and to see if such Terms could be Agreed on, as might be for the Benefit of Both Nations, so as to be ready to be Presented to you in some future Session.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have thought it most convenient to leave the Administration of the Government in the Hands of the QUEEN during My Absence; And if it shall be judg'd necessary to have an Act of Parliament for the better Confirmation of it to Her, I Desire you will let such an one be prepared to be Presented to Me.

I have this only to add, That the Season of the Year, and my Journey into Ireland, will admit but of a very short Session; so that I must Recommend to you the making such Dispatch, that We may not be Engaged in Debates when Our Enemies shall be in the Field: for the Success of the War, and the more Thrifty Management of it, will both principally depend upon your speedy Resolutions. And I hope it will not be long before We shall Meet again, to perfect what the Time will not now allow to be done.

Leghorne, March 2. The Great Duke came hither on the 20th Instant with the whole Court from Florence. The next day Lambert Blackwell Esq; his Majesty of Great Britain's Consul, being accompanied by the English Merchants of this Factory, had a publick Audience of his Highness, by whom he was very well received.

Vienna, March 16. The Letters from Nissa of the 27th past inform us, That the Soldiers who were scattered at the Rout near Kazanecke, were most of them returned; and that the broken Regiments began to be recruited. That some of the Coruzza, who fled from Teckelej, reported, that he was encamped with 5 or 600 Men near Orsova on the Banks of the Danube. And that some Christian Slaves who had escaped from Sophia, gave an account, that upon the departure of the Tartars all the Inhabitants had deserted that Place, except a few Soldiers, and such as Live by the Port, who did not in all exceed 5000; These confirm also, that Prince Charles of Hanover was killed in the Fight of Kazanecke, and that the Baron Straffer, who was taken Prisoner, died afterwards of his Wounds and ill usage. They write from Transilvania, that the Prince of Moldavia had sent two of his Chief Officers to General Heuster, (who Commands the Imperial Forces on that side) to demand the Emperors Protection, offering in case the same was granted, to furnish a certain number of Horses for remounting the Imperial Cavalry, with 500 Oxen, and 50 Purges each containing 500 Dollars, and that they would remain Hostages for the performance thereof. The Turkish Envoys are still stop'd at Comorra; And we now expect every day that Camissa will fall into our hands. There are this day advices come in, which say, that General Peterani, who Commands in Bulgaria, has in some late Action had a considerable Advantage over the Turks. And that there is an other Tumult or Insurrection begun at Constantinople.

Francfort, March 22. Great preparations are making in all these parts for the next Campaign; and we are assured, that the Imperial Army will consist this Summer of near 50000 Men; without reckoning the Troops of several of the Princes and Circles of the Empire, which will act in separate Bodies. We have an account from the Palatinate,

Palatinate, that the French have lately sent 40 Wagons laden with Provisions and Ammunition from *Ebenburg* to *Hornburg* and *Montroyal*, which makes us think they intend to quit that place.

Cologne, March 23. The *Imperial, Brandenburg, and Bavarian* Generals that had lately a Conference here, are returned to their several Quarters; having, as we are told, resolved among other things, to post some Troops at *Hemmen*, to hinder the Correspondence between the French at *Trier* and *Mont-Royal*. The Electoral Prince *Palatin* passed yesterday by this place in his way towards *Düsseldorf*. They write from *Basse*, that the Imperialists are raising a Fort on the *Danube* between *Rhinsfelden* and *Augst*.

Hamburg, March 21. We hear from *Poland*, that the Count *de Gravelle*, the French Minister, and divers others of that Nation, had been forced to leave *Warsaw*; and that the first understanding, that a Guard would be sent to conduct him out of the Kingdom, had chosen rather to retire in a disguise, than with that Company. He is charged with having Endeavoured to create a Division in the Royal Family; to stir up the *Poles* to a Revolt; and to Break the Dyct.

Hague, March 28. The States of *Holland* have Conferred to the State of the War for this present year. The Heer *Van Heeckerke* is named Envoy Extraordinary from this State to the Emperor; and the Heer *Van Amerongen*, and the Heer *Van Hainrodt*, are to go in the same Quality to the Courts of *Denmark* and *Sweden*. The Earl of *Portland* arrived here this day from *Loo*; His Lordship intends this week for *England*, and with him go the Count *de Solmes*, and Count *Menard of Schaumburg*. There are Letters from *Vicenza* which give an account, that the Germans had since the retreat of the Tartars made an Excursion as far as *Philopopolis*, and had taken 300 head of Cattle.

Brussels, March 28. Our Governor General went the 25th Instant to *Ghent*, to settle some Affairs with the States of that Province; and returned thither the 27th in the Evening. The same day passed from hence a Convoy with Provisions for *Cambray*; The Garrison whereof is all reinforced; And the like care has been taken of all our other Frontier Places. The Discourse continues of the Prince of *Hanover* coming thither; and that he will bring with him 4000 Men to make up the *Luxemburg* Troops already in this Service, a Body of 12000; and with this Assistance our Governor General will have this Campaign an Army of 30000 Men under his Command. The French begin to move on the Frontiers; They had a design upon the Castle of *Belfin* within two hours march of *Mons*, but were prevented by the Governor of *Mons* his putting a Reinforcement into the place. The last Letters from *Paris* say, the Dauphin will part from thence the 10th of the next month to Command the French Army towards *Germany*, having under him the *Marschal de Duras*, and the *Marschal de Loge*; and that 'twas said the Duke of *Luxemburg* was to Command in *Flanders*. That the Dauphiness continued so ill, that her recovery was despaired of. And that the French Squadron designed for *Ireland* failed from *Brest* the 17th of this Month.

Edinburgh, March 15. Yesterday a Commission was Read in Council, Constituting the Right Honourable the Lord *Melville* (Secretary of State for this Kingdom) Lord High Commissioner for the next Session of Parliament: Upon which his Grace received afterwards the Compliments of the Nobility; And this morning the Magistrates and Council of this City, and three of the Committee of Ministers, were likewise to Congratulate his Grace on this Occasion. The same day was Read in Council His Majesties Letters for Adjourning the Parliament to the 27th of this Month; which was done accordingly.

Lisbourn, March 11. The Prince of *Wirtemberg* is arrived with the Danish Forces at *Carrickfergus*, whither his Grace the Duke of *Schomberg* is just now going, to see them. The *Swiss* Yacht has brought to *Belfast* a Boat that was going with Eight Passengers from *Scotland* to *Dublin*.

Penbrook, March 15. On Wednesday last came into our Harbour Sir *Clouffy Shovel* in the *Monk*, with the *St. Albans*, the *Dover*, the *James Gaiety*, the *Ruby*, and the *New-Experiment*, having been cruising upon the Coast of *Ireland*; They brought in with them two small Prizes, one being a Yacht of six Guns, the other a Vessel from *Wexford*.

Falmouth, March 17. We have advice, that Their Majesties Ship the *Bonadventure* hath taken a French Ship laden with silks and Brimstone from *Masfelles*.

Phoenix, March 18. We have this day an account from *Lown*, that on Sunday last there were two of Their Majesties Ships before that Harbour, with a French Prize which came from *Marfelles*, but as they were going into the Bay, the Prize by some accident sunk. Last night arrived here a *Portuguese* Ship, which was taken by a French Privateer, who after having plundered her and kept her some days, let her go; She met afterwards with several

English Men of War cruising, some to the Westward of *Sally*, and others about the *Lizard*. Here is this day a strong Report, that some of Their Majesties Ships have taken a French Man of War of 36 Guns, and carried her to *Sally*.

Porsmouth, March 20. We hear from *Cowes* in the *Ille of Wight*, that a Dutch Privateer has brought in there 3 French Prizes.

Whitehall, March 19. This day the Right Honourable Sir *John Lowther*, of *Lowther*, Bar. Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesties Household, *Richard Hambden* Esq; Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer, Sir *Stephen Fox* Kt. and *Thomas Pelham* Esq; appointed Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, met and opened their Commission at the Treasury-Chambers.

Members chosen for the present Parliament.

Bedsford Town, Sir *William Franklin*, }
Thomas Hilderston Esq; }
Thomas Christie Esq; }

March 20. These are by His Majesties Command to give notice, That the Treasurer of the Navy hath sent to the several Places, and given Credit to the several Persons named in the late Proclamation, for the Payment of Pross and Conduct Money for Seamen, who are or shall be pressed and attoured to them for Their Majesties Service.

Advertisements.

The History of the Reigns of *Edward and Richard the Second*, with Reflections and Characters of their Chief Ministers and Favourites; as also a Comparison between those Princes *Edward and Richard the II.* with *Edward I.* and *Edw. III.* Written in the year 1685, by the Honourable Sir *Robert Howard*. Printed for *Tho. Fox* at the Angel in *Westminster-Hall*.

The Annual *Yorkshire* Feast will be held the 27th Instant at *Merchant-Taylor-Hall* in *Threadneedle-street*, where will be a very splendid Entertainment of all sort of Vocal and Instrumental Musick. Tickets are to be had at *Man's Coffee-House* at *Charing-Cross*, at *Clifford's-Run Coffee-House* in *Fleet-street*, and at *Blew-Coats Coffee-House* in *Swithins-Alley* near the Royal Exchange in *Cornhill*.

The Creditors of Sir *ROBERT FYNER* who have not yet signed the Articles of Agreement between them and his Executor, are desired to come to *Cole's Coffee-House* in *Burchurch-Lane* near the Royal-Exchange, on *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays*, between the hours of Eleven and Two, where constant attendance will be given to receive their Subscriptions.

To Hit a Mark as well upon Afcents and Descents, as upon the Plain of the Horizon, with the Mortar Piece, and also with Long-Guns: A Discourse of Granadoes, Carcasses, and Fire-Balls, also Warlike Musick, illustrated in several Consorts of Phrygian Flutes. By *Robert Arden* son, Author of the Genuine Use and Effects of the Gun. Sold by *Robert Morden* at the Atlas in *Cornhill, London*.

On Wednesday the 2d of April next, will be exposed to Sale by way of Auction, at *Tom's Coffee-House* adjoining to *Ludgate*, a Curious Collection of scarce and valuable Books in all Faculties, Languages, and Volumes, viz. *Gr. Lat. French, Spanish, Italian, English, &c.* Collected by two Eminent Persons lately deceased. Catalogues are distributed gratis at *Mr. Fox's* in *Westminster-Hall*, *Mr. Norton's* in the *Pall-Mall*, *Mr. Goodwin's* in *Fleetstreet*, *Mr. Bullord's* in *St. Paul's Church-yard*, *Mr. Rich. Parkers* at the *Unicorn* in the *Piazza* under the Royal-Exchange, and at the place of sale.

John Minnet, a *Herefordshire*-man, lusty and well-set, with gray Clothes, and a fair Periwig, deserted out of *Colonel Vaughan's* Troop in my Lord *Colchester's* Regiment. Whoever gives notice of him to the Post-master at *Worcester*, or to *Captain Rogers* at the *Blue Periwig* at *Charing-Cross*, shall be well Rewarded.

Near Reding in *Berkshire* is a well-built Brick-House, four good Rooms on a Floor, Arched Cellars, Stables, Coach-House, Dove-House, &c. with good Gardens and Orchards, (well planted) with Arable and Pasture Ground, or without it, to be Let: furnished or unfurnished; by a short Lease, or yearly Rent. Inquire of *Nic. Pottinger*, of *Reding*, Esq; or of *Mr. Joseph Marks* at the *Hartichoke* in *Lombard-street*.

Missing since *Tuesday* last a young *Negro* Boy, about 15 or 16 years, his Name *Joseph More*, being straight and well-favoured, in dark grey Cloaths and a white Hat. Whoever gives notice of him, so as he be secured, to *Mr. Johnson*, Goldsmith, at the *Three Flower-de-Luces* in *Cheapside*, shall have a *Guinea* Reward, or if the Boy returns, he shall be kindly received.

Lost the 22d Instant, between *St. Andrews Church* in *Holborn* and the further-end of *Gray's-Inn-Lane*, a Gold Watch with the Outer-Case Straddled, and a Gold Chain and Steel Hook to it, and with *Mr. William Craile's* Name engraven on the bottom Plate of the said Watch. Whoever gives notice of the said Watch to *Mr. John Wheatley* at the 3 Cups in *Hazon-street*, shall have Two *Guinea's* Reward.

A Fine large Tent Lined, with a Bedstead and six large Rubbed Leather Stools, a good Marquee, and two French Tents, a handsome Carriage covered with Leather, and four Harnesses, all New; they will be sold very Reasonable, at *Mr. Charles Blund* Upholsterer, in *Brook-street* near *Holborn-Bar*.