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Westminster, May 3.

**T**HE King came this day to the House of Peers attended with the usual Solemnity, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne, and the House of Commons being sent for up, His Majesty gave the Royal Assent to

- An Act for Granting to His Majesty certain Duties upon Glass Wares, Stone and Earthen Bottles, Coals and Calks for Carrying on the War against France.
- An Act for the Kings most Gracious, General, and Free Pardon.
- An Act to Prevent Counterfeiting and Clipping the Coin of this Kingdom.
- An Act for Imprisoning Sir Thomas Cook, Sir Basil Firebrace, Charles Bates Esq; and James Craggs, and Restraining them from Aliening their Estates.
- An Act for Reversing the Attainder of Jacob Leisler, and others.

After which His Majesty made a Gracious Speech to Both Houses of Parliament, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**I** am come to Give you Thanks for the Supplies, Provided for Carrying on the War, in which We are Engaged, and at the same Time, to Conclude this Session, which cannot be Continued longer without Manifest Prejudice to the Ends for which those Supplies are Given. The Season of the Year making it so Necessary for Me to be Abroad, that it were to be Wish'd Our Business at Home would have Allowed Me to have been there sooner.

I will take Care to Place the Administration of Affairs, during My Absence, in such Persons, on whose Care and Fidelity I can Entirely Depend; And I Doubt not, My Lords and Gentlemen, but every one of you, in your several Stations, will be Assisting to them: This is what I Require of you, and that you be more than Ordinarily Vigilant in Preserving the Publick Peace.

Then the Lord Keeper, by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**I**t is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, that this Parliament should be Prorogued to Tuesday the Eighteenth Day of June next; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to Tuesday the Eighteenth Day of June next.

**Kensington, May 3.** His Majesty was pleased this Day to Declare in Council, that He has appointed Thomas Lord Archbishop of Canterbury Sir John Sommers Kt. Lord Keeper of the Great Seal,

Thomas Earl of Pembroke Lord Privy Seal, William Duke of Devonshire Lord Steward of His Majesty's Household, Charles Duke of Shrovesbury One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, Charles Earl of Dorset Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, and Sydney Lord Godolphin first Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury, to be Lords Justices of England, for the Administration of the Government during His Majesty's Absence.

His Majesty has been pleased to Constitute the Right Honourable Sir William Trumbull One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; Who accordingly this afternoon took the usual Oaths in Council.

**Alicant, April 11.** On the 9th came in here 3 English Men of War the Por:smouth, Greyhound, and Larke from cruising; They were as far as Toulon, and took near that place a Fishing Boat with 6 Men; who confirm the Advice we had before, that the French are not fitting out their Fleet at Toulon, but that they are fortifying the place in order to secure it against an Insult from the English and Dutch Fleet; and that they are at work to clean and fortifie a small Port in Provence, where, 'tis said, they design to lay up their Gallies, because they think they will be more safe there than at Marseilles.

**Malaga, April 12.** There are now in this Road 5 English and 4 Dutch Men of War, commanded by Capt Pickard, who were forced hither from the Straights Mouth by the strong Westerly Winds. We have advice, that the Moors do still continue the Siege of Ceuta, though they have hitherto made but little progress in it; The Besieged made a Sally about 10 days ago, and took some of the Moors Prisoners, who upon their Examination reported, that the number of the Moorish Army that lay before the place was not above 24000 Men; and that of these about 1000 were Negroes of Muly Ismaels Guards, whom he most confided in; and that in Ceuta there are upwards of 5000 Spaniards.

**Cadix, April 13.** On the 6th Instant failed from hence 17 English and Dutch Men of War, and 4 Fireships, under the Command of Rear-Admiral Newille: And on the 9th they were put back by contrary Winds. This day arrived here the Ostend Convoy.

**Madrid, April 20.** The Forces of this Crown have lately had several considerable Successes against the French in Catalonia; For besides those we had an account of in our former Letters, we received Advice the last week, That the 5th Instant our Troops attack'd a Party of 400 French, who

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