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Wednesday, October 23.

THE Parliament met here this day; and Her Majesty being come to the House of Peers, and seated on the Throne in Her Royal Robes; with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Aston, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black-Rod, was sent in a Message to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers; whither they came accordingly; and Majesty was pleased to make a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Great and Remarkable Success with which God hath Blessed Our Arms in this Summer, has stir'd up Our good Thoughts in all Parts of the Kingdom, to Express their Unanimous Joy and Satisfaction; and I assure My Self you are all come Disposed to do every thing that is Necessary for the Effectual Prosecution of the War, nothing being more Obvious, than that a timely Improvement of our present Advantages will Enable Us to Procure a firm Foundation of Security for England, and a firm Support to the Liberty of Europe; This is My Aim; I have no Interest, nor will have, but to Promote the Good and Happiness of all My Subjects.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must Desire such Supplies of you, as may be Requisite for My Service on the next Year's Service, both by Sea and Land, and especially Performing Our Treaties with all Our Allies, the more, for that some of them have Just Pretensions depending on the last War, and I need not put you in mind of what is necessary to us to Preserve the Publick Credit, both Abroad and at Home.

I believe you will find some Charges necessary next Year, which were not mentioned in the last Sessions, and some Extraordinary Charges Incurred since, which were not then Provided for.

I assure you that all the Supplies you Give, with what I am able to raise from my Own Expences, shall be carefully Applied to the Advantage for the Publick Service; And I earnestly Recommend to you a speedy Dispatch, as that which, under the good Blessings of God, We must chiefly Depend upon to Disappoint the Designs of Our Enemies.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I must tell you how Essential it is for Attaining these Great Ends, of which We have so hopeful a Prospect, that We be entirely United at Home.

Our Enemies have no Encouragement left, but what is from their Hopes of Our Divisions; 'Tis therefore your Contention is give the least Countenance to these Hopes.

Our Inclinations are to be Kind and Indulgent to you all; I Hope we do nothing, to Endanger the Loss of this Opportunity, which God hath put into Our Hands, of Securing Our Selves and Europe, and that there will be no Contention among you, but that you will most Promote the Publick Welfare.

A Temper as this, in all your Proceedings, cannot Fail of raising your Reputation, both at Home and Abroad.

I would make Me a Happy Queen, whose utmost Endeavours were but wanting to make you a Happy and Flourishing Kingdom.

The following Address was presented to Her Majesty by the Reverend Dr. Willis, Dean of Lincoln, introduced by His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Lincoln.

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and others of the Clergy of the Diocese of Chester.

Your Majesty, we have long since we had the Honour to wait upon Your Majesty, to return our most humble and hearty Thanks for Your Royal Bounty to the Bishops of the Clergy, and for the great Concern Your Majesty has expressed for the Honour of God, and his Worship in the Kingdom of England.

We are glad we have Occasion so soon to address to Your Majesty and congratulate the happy and glorious Success of Your Majesty's

Arms, together with those of Your Allies, both by Land and Sea, within a few days one of another; in both which the English Conduct and Victory was bravely exercised and signalized: The happy Fruits of which, not only Your Majesty's Dominions, but also a great Part of Europe, may from henceforth expect to reap.

Madam, as we have lately, according to Your Majesty's pious Commands, offered up to God our publick Thanks for the glorious and signal Successes vouchsafed by his good Providence to Your Majesty, as also our Prayers for the Continuance of the same good Favour of Providence for the future; so we think our selves obliged, not only privately to exercise the like Devotions; but also, as we have Opportunity in the Course of our Ministry, to encourage Your Majesty's Subjects in a careful and cheerful Obedience to Your Majesty, and to the Practice of all other Moral and Religious Duties: And farther to inflame them with an high Esteem and Veneration of Your Majesty's Person, and the Wisdom of Your Administration; which we beseech Almighty God may continue long; and after that be perpetuated in a Protestant Succession to all future Ages.

The Two following Addresses have been presented by His Grace the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

To the **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Sheriff, Governor, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, Gentlemen and Freeholders, of the County of Westmeath, at a General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, assembled at Mullingar on Thursday the 12th day of October, Anno Domini 1704.

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful Subjects, beg Leave, in the Crowd of their Fellow Subjects, to Approach Your Royal Throne, and Congratulate the Glorious Success of Your Arms on the Danube, under Your Great English General, His Grace the Duke of Marlborough, against the French King, the Common Enemy and Disturber of the Peace of Christendom.

This and the many other Blessings, that have attended the whole Course of Your Life, are so many Assurances from Heaven, that the Reducing the Balance of Europe, and Reducing the Exorbitant Power of France, are reserved for Your Majesty to Effect.

May God Almighty preserve Your Majesty's Life and Health, long to Reign over us, and Royal Issue of Your own Body to Succeed; which are the daily Prayers of us, Your most Obedient Subjects.

To the **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty.

YOUR Majesty's most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects, the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens, of Your truly Loyal City of London, beg Leave to Congratulate Your Majesty upon the late Glorious Victory obtained against the French and Bavarians, by Your Majesty's Arms, and those of Your Allies, under the Command of the Duke of Marlborough.

This, and the many other great Advantages, with which God has blessed Your Reign over Your Common Enemy, shew, that the Reducing the Exorbitant Power of France, Continuing the House of Austria on the Throne of the Empire, Rescuing the Liberties of Europe, and Preserving the Establish'd Church in this Kingdom, as well as the Protestant Religion, and Reformed Churches abroad, are Blessings reserved for Your Majesty to complete, as the Reward of Your Exemplary Zeal and Piety.

On this Joyful Occasion, permit us in all Humility to renew our Assurances to defend and Support, to the utmost of our Power, Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, the Church of Ireland, and Protestant Succession as by Law establish'd. And that Your Majesty may be blessed with a Long and Happy Reign, are always, and shall be our hearty Prayers. In Testimony whereof we have affixed herewith to our Common Seal of the said City, the 10th Day of October, in the Third Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

The following Address was presented to Her Majesty by His Grace the Duke of Somerset.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, Gentlemen, and Freeholders, Assembled at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, holden the 3d of October, 1704, for the Western part of the County of Suffex at Petworth.

Dread Sovereign,

WE beg Leave to take this Opportunity to Congratulate Your Majesty, as well as the Invaluable Happiness we have enjoy'd under Your