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Westminster, March 6.

**H**ER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Alton, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

*An Act for an UNION of the Two Kingdoms of England and Scotland.*

*An Act for rendering more Effectual an Act passed in the First Year of Her Majesty's Reign, Entitled, An Act for the better Preventing Escapes out of the Queen's-Bench and Fleet-Prisons.*

*An Act for Repairing the Highway between Hockliffe and Woodborne in the County of Bedford.*

*An Act for Continuing the Acts formerly made for Repairing of the Highways in the County of Hertford.*

*An Act for Enlarging the Passage leading to New Palace-Yard, through the Gate-House, Westminster.*

And to four Private Bills.

After which Her Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,  
It is with the Greatest Satisfaction, that I have given My Assent to a Bill for Uniting England and Scotland into One Kingdom.

Consider this Union, as a Matter of the Greatest Importance to the Wealth, Strength, and Safety of the whole Island, and at the same time as a Work of so much Difficulty, and Nicety in its Nature, that till now all Attempts, which have been made towards it in the Course of above a Hundred Years, have proved ineffectual; and therefore I make no Doubt but it will be Remembered, and Spoke of hereafter to the Honour of those, who have been instrumental in bringing it to such a Happy Conclusion.

I desire and Expect from all My Subjects of Both Nations, that from henceforth they Act with all possible Respect and Kindness to one another, that so it may Appear to all the World they have Hearts Disposed to become One People.

This will be a Great Pleasure to Me, and will make us all jointly sensible of the Good Effect of this Union.

And I cannot but look upon it as a Peculiar Happiness, That in My Reign so Full a Provision is made for the Peace and Quiet of My People, and for the Security of Our Religion, by so Firm an Establishment of the Protestant Succession throughout GREAT BRITAIN.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,  
I take this Occasion to remind you of making effectual Provision for the Payment of the Equivalent to Scotland within the Time Appointed by this Act, and I am Perswaded you will shew as much Readiness in this Particular as you have done in all the other Parts of this GREAT WORK.

My Lords and Gentlemen,  
The Season of the Year being now pretty far Advanc'd, I hope you will Continue the same Zeal which has appear'd throughout this Session, in Dispatching what yet remains Unfinish'd of the Publick Business before you.

*Lisbon, Febr. 26. N. S.* The Confederate Fleet commanded by Sir Cloudesly Shovel, after having met with several Disappointments by bad Weather, at length got safe before the 8th Instant, where the Earl Rivers went on Shore; and Orders were given for Landing the Troops under his Excellency's Command, which according to our Advices from thence, would be all on Shore by the 11th. The Arrival of so powerful a Reinforcement put the Enemy into so great a Consternation, that they immediately quitted Elche, and some other Posts thereabouts, of which our Men took Possession; and Orders were given for all our Troops on that side to prepare for taking the Field without loss of time. They will make up an Army of 30000 effective Men, whereof 2000 will be Horse and Dragoons. The Enemy have already begun to draw off their Troops from our Frontiers to reinforce those towards Valentia, so that the Portuguese will be

of War, containing a Commission, empowering him to treat of an Exchange of Prisoners: Whereupon our Duke has sent an Express to Prince Eugene, to desire him to appoint some Person to assist on his Part at the Conferences to be held for that purpose. The Hereditary Prince of Flessle-Cassel intends to leave this Place to-morrow, and to return to Milan.

*Milan, March 1.* The 22d past the Imperialists began to fire upon our Castle from a new Battery of 20 Guns with very good Success; but the Enemy's Cannon having dismounted three of the Imperialists, they were obliged to remove that Battery to another Place, where it is less exposed. That Night the Besieged made a Sally, and the 24th they made another, but were both times repulsed with considerable Loss. For these two Nights past the Firing has been very great on both sides, and many Bombs were thrown into the Castle Yesterday by break of Day the Garrison sallied again with great Fury, and several Men were killed on both sides; but the Enemy were at last obliged to retire with the greater share of the Loss. The Imperialists have begun to make a Breach in the Rampart: They have carried on their Approaches to the Pallisadoes, and expect to-morrow a fresh supply of Cannon and Ammunition; and they hope in a day or two to carry the Covered-way. They have been reinforced with some of the Troops of Wirtemberg, and a Detachment of those of the Duke of Savoy; but his Royal Highness, instead of coming hither, as it was said he intended to do, is making Preparations to attack Valenza.

*Vienna, March 2.* The Emperor has sent to invite the Archbishop of Colocza, Count Cohari, and several others of the Hungarian Nobility, to some Conferences that are shortly to be held here, to consult upon proper Methods for settling the Peace and Tranquility of that Kingdom. Letters from thence confirm the safe Arrival of Baron Tige with his Detachment in Transilvania; and add, That he had since freed the Town of Hermanstad and the Castle of Deva, which were block'd up by the Malecontents.

*Frankfort, March 9.* The Deputies of the four neighbouring Circles, who were assembled at Heilbronn, have ended their Conferences, having come to several Resolutions, and given the necessary Directions for the speedy providing their Quota of Men, Money, Artillery, and other Necessaries, towards a vigorous Prosecution of the War the next Summer. The Garisons of Landau and Philipsbourg have been considerably augmented, and provided with all Things requisite for their Defence. A great Number of the Imperial Troops are come from their Winter-quarters into the Lines of Biehl and Stolhoffen, and they are all ordered to be in a readiness to take the Field by the 25th Instant; and such good Care is taken in every respect, that we are now freed of all Apprehension on account of the Preparations which the Enemy seem'd to be making in Alsace for some Expedition.

*Hague, March 15.* N. S. Monsieur Schlinder arrived here last night from Saxony, being sent by King Augustus, with Proposals concerning a Body of Saxon Troops which that Prince offers to put into the Service of Her Majesty of Great Britain and the States General. Mr. Stepney, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, is on his Departure for Brussels; as are likewise Messieurs Renfoude and Vandenberg, who are to reside there as Deputies from the States. Letters from Germany say, The Margrave of Brandenburg Bareith is to continue in the Chief Command of the Imperial Army on the Rhine; that Field-Marshal-General Thungen is to command under him; and that Count Scaremberg is also to serve in that Army, who lately commanded the Imperial Troops in Hungary. The States of Holland and Weltriseland are to assemble here this Week.

*Falmouth, March 3.* Yesterday arrived here the Tryal Galley from New-England, Richard Nutt Master, and the Hopewell Sloop from Bermudas, John Vaughan Master, both bound for London, but left from Mounts-Bay. Soon after 6 French Privateers stood off and on before this Place for several Hours; but in the Evening, two of our Frigates, with about 14 Sail of small Vessels, coming from the Westward, they stood to Sea. This Day came in the Alliance Packet-Boat, Captain Green, Commander, in 12 Days from Lisbon, who brings an Account, That 3 of our homeward bound East-India Ships, viz. the

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Notice is hereby given, That the Officers and Companies of Her Majesty's Ships Faulkland and Fowey, will, on Thursday the 20th Instant, be paid their Proportions of Her Majesty's Bounty for

in the field, Middlesex. Viscount, have certified to the Lord Keeper, that he hath in all things conformed to the Act in the said Act directed, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary by the 11th. of March.  
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