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Westminster, June 21.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in Her Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, 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 the Publick Bills following,

An Act for laying additional Duties on Hides and Skins, Tallow and Parchment; and new Duties on Starch, Coffee, Tea, Drugs, Gilt and Silver Wire, and Policies of Insurance, to secure a yearly Fund, for satisfaction of Orders to the Contributors of a farther Sum of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Pounds, towards Her Majesty's Supply; And for the better securing the Duties on Candles, and for obviating Doubts concerning certain Payments in Scotland; and for suppressing unlawful Lotteries, and other Devices of the same Kind; and concerning Cike Soap; and for Relief of Mary Ravenal, in relation to an Annuity of Eighteen Pounds per Annum; and concerning Prize Cocoa Nut-brought from America; and certain Tickets which were intended to be subscribed into the Stock of the South Sea Company; and for appropriating the Monies granted this Session of Parliament.

An Act for continuing the Trade to the South Seas, granted by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, although the Capital Stock of the said Corporation should be redeemed.

An Act for appointing Commissioners to Take, Examine and Determine the Debts due to the Army Transport-Service, and Sick and Wounded.

An Act for continuing the Trade and Corporation Capacity of the United East-India Company, although their Fund should be redeemed.

An Act for explaining several Clauses in an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, for the Relief of the Sufferers of the Islands of Nevis and St. Christopher, by Reason of the Invasion of the French there, in the Year 1705.

An Act for the appointing the Circuit Courts in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, to be kept only once in a Year.

An Act for enlarging the Time for the Ministers, Advocates, and other Members of the College of Justice in Scotland, to take the Oaths therein mentioned.

An Act for the better ascertaining and securing the Payments to be made to Her Majesty for Goods and Merchandizes to be imported from the East-Indies, and other Places within the Limits of the Charter granted to the East-India-Company.

And to Eleven private Bills.

After which Her Majesty made the following most Gracious Speech to both Houses:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE last time I was here I spok^d so fully, and afterwards received from both Houses such satisfactory Addresses, that there remains little more

for Me to say at the close of this Meeting of Parliament, but to repeat My hearty Thanks for your late solemn Assurances; they will give Me Strength to Struggle with any Difficulties which may yet be raised; and I hope that neither they who Envy the making a good Peace, nor who think it their Interest to continue the War, will be able to defeat our joint Endeavours for the Honour and Advantage of Britain, and the Security of all Ourselves.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,
At the same time that I thank you most kindly for the Supplies you have cheerfully Granted, I cannot but let you know My Satisfaction in the near View I have of a Peace, since it will in some measure Recompence My Subjects for their vast Expences, and also lighten that heavy Burden they have borne during the War.

My Lords and Gentlemen,
You have expressed how sensible you are of the Advantage and Security which accrue to Britain and Our Allies by the Terms proposed for a Peace; and I need not mention to you the Mischiefs which must follow the breaking of this Treaty: Our Burdens would be at last continued, if not increased; the present Opportunity would be irrecoverably lost, of Britain's Establishing a real Balance of Power in Europe, and improving Our own Commerce; and if any of Our Allies should gain something by such a Proceeding, the rest would suffer in the Common Calamity: Put I hope, by God's Blessing, such fatal Designs will be disappointed.

You are now returning into your respective Countries, and I perswade My Self you will not be wanting in your Endeavours to Obviate the Designs of any ill-minded Persons, who may attempt to sow Sedition amongst My Subjects, and under specious Pretences carry on Designs they dare not own.

I hope at your next Meeting there will be an Opportunity of Perfeeting what I have Recommended to you, which you have left Unfinished in this Session.

I cannot conclude without assuring you, That nothing shall move Me from steadily pursuing the true Interest of so Dutiful and Affectionate a People.

The following Address from the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Southwark, and Places adjacent, within the Bills of Mortality, has been presented to Her Majesty by Sir George Matthews, (one of their Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough) being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surry.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Southwark, and Places adjacent, within the Bills of Mortality, in the County of Surry.

Most Gracious Sovereign!

THE great Confidence Your Majesty has been pleased to place in Your Subjects, by condescending to communicate to them the Terms on which