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Westminster, July 20.

**H**IS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in His 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 His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly. His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

*An Act to explain the Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject.*

*An Act for preventing Tumults and Riotous Assemblies and for the more speedy and effectual Punishing the Rioters.*

*An Act for making perpetual an Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King William the Third, intituled, An Act that the Solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form; and for explaining and enforcing the said Act in relation to the Payment of Tythes and Church-Rates; and for appointing the Form of an Affirmation to be taken by the said People called Quakers, instead of the Oath of Abjuration.*

*An Act for continuing the Imprisonment of Robert Blackburn, and others for the horrid Conspiracy to Assassinate the Person of his late Sacred Majesty King William the Third.*

And to Nine Private Bills.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most Gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen.

**T**HE Zeal you have shewn for preserving the Peace of My Kingdoms, and your Wisdom in providing so good a Law to prevent all Riotous and Tumultuous Proceedings, give me great Satisfaction; but I am sorry to find that such a Spirit of Rebellion has discover'd it self as leaves no Room to doubt but these Disorders are set on Foot and encouraged by Persons disaffected to My Government, in Expectation of being supported from Abroad.

The Preservation of our Excellent Constitution, and the Security of our Holy Religion, has been and always shall be, My chief Care; and I cannot question but your Concern for these invaluable Blessings is so great, as not to let them be exposed to such Attempts as I have certain Advices are preparing by the Pretender from abroad, and carrying on at home by a restless Party in his Favour,

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

*In these Circumstances I think it proper to ask your Assistance, and make no Doubt but you will so far consult your own Security, as not to leave the Nation, under a Rebellion actually begun at home, and threatened with an Invasion from abroad, in a defenceless Condition: And I shall look upon the Provision you shall make for the Safety of My People, as the best Mark of your Affection to Me.*

Anno Primo

## GEORGI REGIS.

*An Act for preventing Tumults and Riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters.*

**W**HEREAS of late many Rebellious Riots and Tumults have been in divers Parts of this Kingdom, to the Disturbance of the Publick Peace, and the endangering of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the same are yet continued and fomented by Persons disaffected to his Majesty, presuming so to do for that the Punishments provided by the Laws now in being are not adequate to such heinous Offences; and by such Rioters his Majesty and his Administration have been most maliciously and falsely traduced, with an Intent to raise Divisions and to alienate the Affections of the People from his Majesty: Therefore, for the preventing and suppressing of such Riots and Tumults, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Offenders therein, Be it enacted, by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Persons, to the Number of Twelve or more, being Unlawfully, Riotously, and Tumultuously assembled together, to the Disturbance of the publick Peace, at any time after the last Day of July, in the Year of our Lord