

An Act to make the River Kennet Navigable from Reading to Newbury in the County of Berks.

An Act for repairing and amending the Highways between Tyburn and Uxbridge in the County of Middlesex.

And to seven Private Bills.

His Majesty's most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am persuaded you are all by this time very desirous of some Recess, and that it cannot be defer'd longer without great Inconvenience to your private Affairs.

But before I can part with you I must return you My most Sincere Thanks for your having finished, with so much Wisdom and Unanimity, what I recommended to your Care; and particularly I must thank you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, for the Provision you have made, as well for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, as for the other necessary Occasions of the Publick; especially for your having come it by Means so little burthensome to My People which I assure you recommends the Supplies to Me above any other Circumstance whatsoever.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Open and Declared Rebellion which is now actually begun in Scotland, must convince All, who do not wish to see Us given up into the Hands of a Popish Pretender, of the Dangers to which We have been, and are still Exposed. I thought it incumbent upon Me to give you the earliest Notice of the Designs of Our Enemies; and I cannot sufficiently commend the Zeal and Dispatch with which you impowered Me, at a Time when the Nation was in so Naked and Defenceless a Condition, to make such Preparations as I should think necessary for Our Security. You shall have no Reason to repent of the Trust and Confidence you repose in Me, which I shall never use to any other End than for the Protection and Welfare of My People.

It was scarce to be imagined, that any of My Protestant Subjects who have known and enjoyed the Benefits of Our Excellent Constitution, and have heard of the great Dangers they were wonderfully delivered from by the Happy Revolution, should by any Arts and Management be drawn into Measures that must at once destroy their Religion and Liberties, and subject them to Popery and Arbitrary Power. But such has been Our Misfortune, that too many of My People have been deluded, and made instrumental to the Pretender's Designs, who had never dared to think of Invading Us, or raising a Rebellion, had he not been encouraged by the Success his Emisaries and Adherents have already had in stirring up Riots and Tumults and by the farther Hopes they entertain of raising Insurrections in many Parts of My Kingdoms.

The endeavouring to persuade My People that the Church of England is in Danger under My Government has been the main Artifice employed in carrying on this Wicked and Traiterous Design. This Insinuation, after the Solemn Assurances I have given, and My having laid hold on all Opportunities to do every thing that may tend to the Advantage of the Church of England, is both Unjust and Ungrateful; nor can I believe so Groundless and Malicious a Calumny can make any Impression upon the Minds of My Faithful Subjects, or that they can be so far misled, as to think the Church of England is to be secured by setting a Popish Pretender on the Throne.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Proofs this Parliament has given of their Unshaken Duty and Affection to Me, and of their Love and Zeal for the Interest of their Country, will recommend you to the good Opinion and Esteem of All who have their Religion and Liberty truly at Heart, and has laid a lasting Obligation upon Me: And I question not but by your farther Assistance in the several Countries to which you are going with the Blessing of Almighty God, who has so frequently interposed in Favour of this Nation, I shall be able to Disappoint and Defeat the Designs of Our Enemies.

Our Meeting again to do Business early in the next Winter will be useful on many Accounts, particularly that the Sitting of Parliaments may be again brought into that Season of the Year which is most convenient, and that as little Delay may be given as is possible to your Judicial Proceedings; and I shall at present give such Orders to My Lord Chancellor, as may not put it long out of My Power to meet you on any sudden Occasion.

St. James's, September 23. The following Addresses have been presented to his Majesty.

A humble Address of the Society of Ancient Britains established in Honour to her Royal Highness's Birth-day, and the Principality of Wales; presented to his Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Lisburne, first Steward, accompanied by the rest of the Stewards of the said Society, and a great number of other Gentlemen and Clergy of the Principality of Wales, who all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Manchester, Lord of the Bed-chamber in waiting. His Majesty, at the same time, was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Thomas Jones of Lincoln's Inn, Esq; Barrister at Law, Treasurer and Secretary to the said Society.

A humble Address of the Mayor, Capital Burgeffes, Freemen and Principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Lyme-Regis in the County of Dorset; presented to his Majesty by John Burridge, Esq; introduced by the Right Honourable James Stanhope, Esq; one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

A humble Address of the Sheriffs and Grand-Jury of the City and County of the City of Bristol; presented to his Majesty (in the Absence of Sir William Daines and Joseph Earle, Esq; their Representatives in Parliament) by William Benson, Esq; introduced by the Right Honourable James Stanhope, Esq; one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

A humble Address of the High-Steward, Aldermen and Capital Burgeffes of the Borough of Malmesbury in the County of Wilts; presented to his Majesty by Sir John Rushout, Bart. their High-Steward, and Joseph Addison, Esq; Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Carlisle.

A humble Address of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of York in Council assembled; pre-