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Westminster, October 11.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson 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, and having presented the Right Honourable Spencer Compton, Esq; for their Speaker, whom His Majesty approved, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I AM concerned to find my Self obliged, at the Opening of this Parliament, to acquaint you, that a dangerous Conspiracy has been for some Time formed, and is still carrying on, against my Person and Government, in Favour of a Popish Pretender.

The Discoveries I have made here, the Informations I have received from my Ministers Abroad, and the Intelligences I have had from the Powers in Alliance with me, and indeed from most Parts of Europe, have given me most ample and concurrent Proofs of this wicked Design.

The Conspirators have by their Emissaries made the strongest Instances for Assistance from Foreign Powers, but were disappointed in their Expectations: However, confiding in their Numbers, and not discouraged by their former ill Success, they resolved once more, upon their own Strength, to attempt the Subversion of my Government.

To this End they provided considerable Sums

of Money, engaged great Numbers of Officers from Abroad, secured large Quantities of Arms and Ammunition, and thought themselves in such Readiness, that had not the Conspiracy been timely discovered, we should, without doubt, before now, have seen the whole Nation, and particularly the City of London, involved in Blood and Confusion.

The Care I have taken has, by the Blessing of God, hitherto prevented the Execution of their Traiterous Projects; the Troops have been encamped all this Summer; six Regiments (though very necessary for the Security of that Kingdom) have been brought over from Ireland; the States General have given me Assurances, that they would keep a considerable Body of Forces in a Readiness to embark on the first Notice of their being wanted here, which was all I desired of them, being determined not to put my People to any more Expence, than what was absolutely necessary for their Peace and Security.

Some of the Conspirators have been taken up and secured; and Endeavours are used for the Apprehending others.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Having thus in general laid before you the State of the present Conspiracy, I must leave to your Consideration what is proper and necessary to be done for the Quiet and Safety of the Kingdom. I cannot but believe the Hopes and Expectations of our Enemies are very ill grounded, in flattering themselves, that the late Discontents, occasioned by private Losses and Misfortunes, however industriously and maliciously fomented, are turned into Disaffection and a Spirit of Rebellion.

Had I, since my Accession to the Throne, ever attempted any Innovation in our Established Religion; Had I in any one Instance invaded the Liberty

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Liberty or Property of my Subjects, I should less wonder at any Endeavours to alienate the Affections of my People and draw them into Measures, that can end in nothing but their own Destruction.

But to hope to persuade a Free People, in full Enjoyment of all that is dear and valuable to them, to exchange Freedom for Slavery, the Protestant Religion for Popery, and to sacrifice at once the Price of so much Blood and Treasure, as have been spent in Defence of our present Establishment, seems an Insatiation not to be accounted for. But however vain and unsuccessful these desperate Projects may prove in the End, they have at present so far the desired Effect, as to create Uneasiness and Diffidence in the Minds of my People; which our Enemies labour to improve to their own Advantage. By forming Plots they depreciate all Property that is vested in the publick Funds, and then complain of the low State of Credit: They make an Increase of the National Expences necessary, and then clamour at the Burthen of Taxes, and endeavour to impute to my Government, as Grievances, the Mischiefs and Calamities which they alone create and occasion.

I wish for nothing more, than to see the publick Expences lessened, and the great National Debt put in a Method of being gradually reduced and discharged, with a strict Regard to Parliamentary Faith: And a more favourable Opportunity could never have been hoped for, than the State of profound Peace, which we now enjoy with all our Neighbours. But publick Credit will always languish under daily Alarms and Apprehensions of publick Danger: And as the Enemies of our Peace have been able to bring this immediate Mischief upon us, nothing can prevent them from continuing to subject the Nation to new and constant Difficulties and Distresses, but the Wisdom, Zeal, and vigorous Resolutions of this Parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Accounts to be made up, and laid before you, of the extraordinary Charge that has been incurred this Summer, for the Defence and Safety of the Kingdom; and I have been particularly Careful, not to direct any Expence to be made greater, or sooner, than was of absolute Necessity.

I have likewise ordered Estimates to be prepared, and laid before you, for the Service of the Year ensuing; and I hope the further Provisions, which the reasonable Practices of our Enemies have made necessary for our common Safety, may be ordered with such Frugality, as very little to exceed the Supplies of the last Year.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I need not tell you of what infinite Concern it is to the Peace and Tranquility of the Kingdom, that this Parliament should upon this Occasion exert themselves with a more than ordinary Zeal and Vigour. An entire Union among all that sincerely wish well to the present Establishment, is now become absolutely necessary. Our Enemies have too long taken Advantage from your Differences and Dissensions. Let it be known that the Spirit of Popery, which breaths nothing but Confusion to the Civil and Religious Rights of a Protestant Church and Kingdom, however abandoned some few may be, in Despite of all Obligations Divine and Human, has not so far possessed my People, as to make them Ripe for such a Fatal Change. Let the World see that the general Disposition of the Nation is no Invitation to foreign Powers to invade us, nor Encouragement to domestick Enemies to kindle a Civil War in the Bowels of the Kingdom. Your own Interest and Welfare call upon you to defend yourselves. I shall wholly rely upon the divine Protection, the Support of my Parliament, and the Affections of my People, which I shall endeavour to preserve by steadily adhering to the Constitution in Church and State, and continuing to make the Laws of the Realm the Rule and Measure of all my Actions.

St. James's, October 10.

His Majesty having determined to hold a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions resident in and near London, were summoned by Vertue of Letters from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellour of the Order, signifying the Sovereign's Pleasure for their personal Appearance here this Day at One a-Clock; whereupon nine Knights Companions habited in their Mantles, together with the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Winchester Prelate, the Chancellour, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Officers of the said Order, wearing their different Badges and respective Mantles, waited His Majesty's coming, in the Apartment next to His Closet: And upon His Majesty's Appearance robed in the Mantle of the Order, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions beginning with the Juniors, and then the Procession to the Council Chamber was in the following Order, wherein the Juniors went first, and those Knights, whose Companions were not present, went single, viz.

On the Left
Earl of Lincoln,

On the Right
Duke of Grafton.

Duke of Kingston.
Duke of Newcastle.
Duke of Montague.
Duke of Dorset,

Duke of Kent, Duke of Argyll and Greenwich.
Duke of Richmond.

Garter King of Arms, having the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod on his Left Hand.

The Chancellour of the Order with the Prelate on his Right Hand.

The S O V E R E I G N.

Having thus entered the Chapter Room, being the Council Chamber, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windsor, till the Sovereign had seated himself in a Chair of State at the Head of the Table, when the Knights Companions seated themselves by His Majesty's Leave, the Prelate standing behind the Chair at His Majesty's Right Hand and the Chancellour at His Left, Garter King of Arms having the Black Rod on his Left Hand at the lower End of the Table. The Chancellour, by the Sovereign's Command, declared His Majesty's Intention that the Vacancies occasioned by the Deaths of the late Dukes of Marlborough and Bolton, and of the Earl of Sunderland, should be supplied by the Elections of three new Knights Companions: And then the Chancellour declared His Majesty's Pleasure that they should proceed to fill one of the Vacancies: The Statutes of the Order prohibiting the Election of any Person who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign commanded Garter to bring in Charles Duke of Bolton, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod, kneeled down before His Majesty and was Knighted with the Sword of State, and then retired out of the Room. Immediately afterwards each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of nine Persons whom they esteemed qualified to be elected, that is, three Earls or of higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights, to which they severally set their Hands; and the Chancellour having collected their Scrutinies, beginning with the youngest Knight, and so proceeding in order, presented the same on his Knee to the Sovereign, who upon Perusal thereof commanded the Chancellour to declare the said Duke of Bolton duly elected: Upon which Garter, accompanied with the Black Rod, was sent to introduce him to the Sovereign to be invested; and having brought

him to the Door of the Chapter-Room, at the Entrance he was received by the Earl of Lincoln and the Duke of Grafton the two youngest Knights and conducted between them up to the Sovereign, with the usual Reverences, Garter King of Arms carrying before them on a Cushion the Garter (the Ensign of the Order) and a gold George in a blue Ribbond, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand; and these Junior Knights returning to their Seats, Garter King of Arms on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Garter; who delivered the same to the Dukes of Argyll and Richmond the two Senior Knights present, and they buckled it about his Left Leg, while the Chancellour read the Admonition enjoined by the Statutes; and then Garter likewise on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the blue Ribbond with the gold George, and His Majesty assisted by the said two Senior Knights put it over his Left Shoulder athwart under his Right Arm, who was then kneeling, the Chancellour at that time reading the usual Admonition; and then the said Duke of Bolton having kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked His Majesty for the great Honour done him, rose up, saluted severally all the Companions who congratulated him, and then he withdrew.

The Chancellour then declared the Sovereign's further Pleasure of filling another Vacancy, and Garter was commanded to bring in John Duke of Rutland, in Order to receive the Degree of Knighthood, and the Suffrages being collected in the Manner above described, he was invested with the Ensigns of the Order as the former new Knight elect had been.

The like Ceremonies were in every Particular observed, in supplying the third Vacancy at the Sovereign's Command, by the Election of John Duke of Roxburghe.

Which done, the Knights Companion being again called over by Garter, they returned in the same Order to the Apartment next to His Majesty's Closet.

Whitehall, Oct. 12. An humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats and Common-Council of the King's Town and Parish of Maidstone in the County of Kent, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Thomas Colepepyr, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honorable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Gretwocky

Greenwich, Oct. 1. Upon His Majesty's Orders transmitted by the Commissioners of the Customs to this as well as to other Ports, for securing the St. Peter, a French Vessel, taken pyratikally by Philip Roche and others, who murdered the Master Pierre Tartoué and all her Crew, a small Brigantine now in this Harbour answering in her Make and Cargo the Description given in the Advices sent with those Orders, the Custom House Officer here procured a Warrant from a Justice of Peace, and this Day seized her with five Men on board. The Vessel proving to be the same so taken pyratikally by Roche and his Accomplices, is secured for the Use of the Owners, and the five Men are sent Prisoners to Glasgow.

St. James's, Oct. 11. Yesterday His Majesty was pleased to stand Godfather in Person at the Countess of Sunderland's at the Christening of her Son born since the Death of the late Earl her Husband, and named him George: The other Godfather being the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, and her Grace the Duchess of Monmouth Godmother.

October 12.

This Day the Convocation of the Clergy of the Province of Canterbury met at St. Paul's Chapter-House, whence proceeding to the Cathedral, divine Service was performed, and then a Sermon was preached by the Reverend Dr. Francis Hare Dean of Worcester. Afterwards the Lower House chose the Reverend Dr. George Stanhope Dean of Canterbury to be their Prolocutor, and are to present him at Westminster the 26th Instant.

Whitehall, April 16, 1722.

This is to signify in His Majesty's Name, that if any Person or Persons shall hereafter apprehend any one or more Highwaymen, who from and after the Date hereof shall have robbed any of the Mails, or shall have been concerned as Accomplices in the robbing of any of them, such Person or Persons shall have a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds for each Offender, who shall be convicted thereof, to be paid by the Receiver General of the Post-Office, over and above the Reward directed by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Person hereafter concerned in robbing any of the Mails shall make a Discovery of the same, so that his Accomplice or Accomplices shall be convicted thereof, such Person shall have His Majesty's most gracious Pardon, and also receive the Reward of Two Hundred Pounds for each Offender so convicted, to be paid as aforesaid.

CARTERET.

Trustees-Office near the Exchequer, Oct. 5, 1722.

The late Trustees for Circulating Exchequer Bills, being making up their Accounts for that Service, and finding that several of the Exchequer Bills bearing Date the 7th of June 1720, are not brought in to be

paid and cancelled, according to the publick Notices that have many times been given in that behalf, notwithstanding the Interest of them determined the 25th of March last, do hereby desire that the Persons possessed of the said Bills, will speedily bring them to the Exchequer to be paid and cancelled, so as the said Trustees Accounts to the Publick may not be stop'd or delayed for Wants thereof.

By Order of the Honourable Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, on Wednesday the 24th Instant, at Two in the Afternoon, will be exposed to Sale by Inch of Candle, in the Long Room in the Custom-House, London, a Parcel of Stuff, Coco-Nuts, Coco-Paste, Chocolate, Drugs, Grocery-Ware, Stain'd Callico, Linnen, Pictures, Prints, Paper, Sword-Blades, Iron-Ware, Guns, Logwood, Millenary-Ware, Silk-Grease, Skins, Silk Stockings, Oyl, decayed Wine Spirits, Hogshend Graves, (clear of all Duties) prohibited East India Goods, to be exported; and are to be seen at the King's Warehouse on Monday and Tuesday, the 22d and 23d Instant, from Eight to Twelve in the Forenoon, and from Two till Five in the Afternoon, and on Wednesday from Eight to Twelve in the Forenoon.

The Trustees appointed for putting in Execution an Act of Parliament passed in the Twelfth Year of Her late Majesty's Reign, do hereby give Notice, That they intend to meet at the Guildhall, London, on Tuesday next the 16th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, upon special Affairs.

Royal Exchange Assurance-Office, Oct. 13, 1722.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company do hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, London, on Wednesday the 17th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, in order to declare a Dividend.

The Committee for Letting the City's Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London give Notice, That they intend to Let by Lease, a Messuage or Tenement in Cheapside, the Corner of Gutter-lane, known by the Sign of the Leg, now in the Possession of Mr. Leonard Gibbons; Ten Messuages or Tenements, and Two half Room Tenements behind the same in Hog-lane in Finsbury, in the several Possessions of Thomas Corderoy, Joseph Bradley, George Townsend, Joseph Thorpe, — Sheer, James Pickover, Samuel Richards, Thomas Rice, Richard Benson, James Deltre; and a Shop in Leadenhall-street under Leaden-hall, now used as a Spectacle-shop, in the Possession of Elizabeth Burbin: And that the said Committee will sit in the Council-Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 17th of October Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals for the said Premises severally; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid.

Advertisements.

WEAVERS-Hall, London, Oct. 6, 1722.

THIS is to give Notice to all Persons concerned, That the Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, prohibiting the Wearing and Selling of Printed Calicoes, &c. under the several Penalties of 5 l. and 20 l. to be levied and recovered according to the Directions of the said Act, is absolutely to take Effect, and to be in full Force, from and immediately after the 25th of December next.

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THIS is to certify whom it may concern, That Jonathan Higginson, Chaucer-monger, late of Artillery Lane without Bill-pigate, London, being deceased, and his Widow having left off her Business; any one that hath any Pawns in her Hands, are desired to fetch them out within two Months from the Date hereof, or they will be exposed to Sale.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Mathew Greaves, late of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 22d and 23d Instant, and on the 12th of November next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at John Hawkwell's, being the Old Coffee-House in Manchester aforesaid; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt, since the Expiration of the late Act, hath been awarded against Gilbert Parker, late of the City of York, Mercer, and he having been thereupon declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 27th and 29th Instant, and on the 12th of November next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London.

WHereas at a Meeting of the Commissioners named in a Commission of Bankrupt against Robert Alton, of London, Merchant, the Creditors of the said Alton chose Mr. Anthony Steventon of Cornhill, Mr. John Bolworth of Coleman-Street, and Mr. Richard Wilson of Fenchurch Street, new Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate, in the Place and Stead of Mr. John Jenkins, who is removed from being Assignee: Therefore such Persons as are indebted to the said Bankrupt's Estate, or have any Effects of the said Bankrupt's in their Hands, are not to pay such Debts to the Assignee so removed, but to the said new Assignees, or give Notice thereof to Mr. Woodcraft and Davis, Attornies at Law, in the Poultry, London.

THE Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Cox and Edward Cleave, late of London, Goldsmiths and Bankers and Partners, intend to meet on the 26th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guild-

hall, London, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend, which will then certainly be made. And at the same Time and Place the four Mills at Bromley, in the County of Middlesex, in the Occupation of Mr. John Barton, late the Estate of the said Cox and Cleave, Lett by Lease at 450 l. per Annum, are to be sold before the said Commissioners. Particulars thereof may be had at Mr. Dowick's, an Attorney, in Newmar's-Court, Cornhill.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Robert Peter, late of London, Mercer, intend to meet on the 31st of October Instant, at Ten in the Morning, at Guildhall, London; when and where such of the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against William Dove, of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Baker and Brewer, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor of Great-Britain, that the said William Dove hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 2d of November next.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Biddle, of Thames-Street, London, Fruiterer, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Thomas Biddle hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 2d of November next.