

An Act for explaining and amending an Act passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King William the Third, Entituled, An Act for making Navigable the Rivers Wye and Lug, in the County of Hereford, and for making the same more effectual.

An Act for establishing a certain Provision for maintaining the Curate of the Parish of St. Catherine Cree Church alias Christ Church, London, and for repairing and supporting the Chancel of the said Parish Church.

And to 10 private Bills.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Acquainted you at the opening of this Session with the Dangers which threatened this Kingdom, and the Peace and Liberties of Europe. I am now to return you my Thanks for the Zeal and Dispatch with which you have proceeded upon the several Points I then recommended to your Care, for the Confidence you have reposed in me, and for the Assurances you have given me of your Support and Assistance in Vindication of my Honour, and in the Maintenance and Defence of the undoubted Rights and Privileges of this Nation, so openly and notoriously invaded and attacked.

The Siege of Gibraltar proves beyond all dispute the End and Design of the Engagements entered into by the Emperour and the King of Spain; but the Preparations I had made for the Defence of that Place, and the Bravery of my Troops, will, I doubt not, convince them of the Rashness and Folly of that Undertaking. However the Love of Peace has hitherto prevailed upon me, even under this high Provocation, to suspend in some measure my Resentments; and instead of having immediate Recourse to Arms, and demanding of my Allies that Assistance which they are engaged and ready to give me, I have concurred with the most Christian King and the States General in making such Overtures of Accommodation, as must convince all the World of the Uprightness of our Intentions, and of our sincere Disposition to Peace, and demonstrate to whose Ambition and Thirst of Power the Calamities of a War are to be imputed, if these just and reasonable Propositions are rejected. In the mean Time I have the Pleasure to acquaint you, that the Crown of Sweden has acceded to the Treaty of Hanover, and that the Convention between me, his most Christian Majesty, and the King of Denmark, is actually signed.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,
The Vigour and Chearfulness you have shown in raising so effectually, and upon such

easy Terms, the necessary Supplies for the Service of the current Year, are not only Instances of your Zeal and Affection to me, but demonstrate the established Credit, Power, and Strength of this Kingdom.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It would have been a great Satisfaction to me, if before your Separation I had been able to speak to you more positively, and with greater Certainty, upon the present Posture and State of Affairs; but as you have now dispatched the publick Business, and as the Season of the Year requires your going into your respective Countries, I choose rather to put an End to this Session, than to keep you any longer together unnecessarily. The Provisions you have made, and the perfect Union and Harmony between me and my Allies, will, I hope, enable me, by the Divine Assistance, either to withstand and defeat the Designs of our Enemies, if their Conduct shall bring upon us the Necessity of a War; or to improve the Blessings of Peace, if Peace can with Justice, Honour, and Security be obtained.

Then the Lord Chancellour by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be Prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty seventh Day of June next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty seventh Day of June next.

St. James's, May 16.

The following humble Address of the Bailiffs, Recorder, Capital and Inferior Burgeses, and all the rest of the ancient Corporation of Aldeburgh, in the County of Suffolk, has been presented to His Majesty by Samuel Low and Walter Plomer, Esqrs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Suffolk. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bailiffs, Recorder, Capital and Inferior Burgeses, and all the rest of your ancient Corporation of Aldeburgh, in the County of Suffolk.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your faithful Subjects, take this Opportunity with great Pleasure and Chearfulness to return your Majesty our humble and hearty Thanks for your paternal Care over us and all your Subjects, in preserving our Religion, Laws, Liberties and Trade.

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