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Westminster, May 28.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton 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 several publick and private Bills.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Dispatch you have given to the publick Business, and the advanced Season of the Year, make it proper for me to put an End to this Session of Parliament.

The Zeal and Unanimity which you have shewn in all your Proceedings, with Regard to the true Interest of your Country, and in Support of the common Cause, have fully answered my Expectations, and will, I am persuaded, give general Satisfaction here at Home, and cannot fail of having their due Weight and Influence Abroad.

I expect to hear very soon that the Congress is opened: The Preliminary Articles having laid so good a Foundation for a general Pacification, I hope all Parties will bring with them such favourable Dispositions for finishing and perfecting this desirable Work, that we shall soon see a happy Conclusion of this important Transaction, with that Satisfaction to me and my Allies, which may reasonably be expected from the Justice of our Cause, and the mutual Confidence which is established among us.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my Thanks for the effectual Supplies you have raised for the Service of the Year. The prudent Application you have made of the Produce of the Sinking Fund, will contribute to the Support of the Publick Credit; and the Power you have given me of borrowing Five Hundred Thousand Pounds

for the Discharge of the Seamens Wages, will meet with universal Approbation.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is unnecessary for me to recommend, in any particular Manner, to your Care, the Preservation of the publick Peace in your several Stations and Countries. Your own Inclinations will naturally lead you, by a due Execution of the Lawes, and a faithful Administration of Justice, to promote, upon all Occasions, the Welfare and Prosperity of my People.

And 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 Thursday the Eighth Day of August next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Eighth Day of August next.

St. James's, May 24.

This Day Sig. Giacinto Fiorelli, who has resided here several Years with the Character of Secretary from the most Serene Republick of Venice, being recalled, had a private Audience of Leave of His Majesty, to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

He had afterwards a private Audience of Leave of Her Majesty, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Grantham Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain, and conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, May 27. This Day Sig. Fiorelli had a private Audience of Leave of His Royal Highness the Duke;

And also of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Caroline; to whom he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, May 28.

His Majesty has been pleased to create Sir John Hobart, Bart. and Knight of the Bath, a Baron of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name Stile and Title of Baron Hobart of Blickling, in the County of Norfolk.

Sir