

Middlesex, so far as the same relate to the Statute Work to be done upon the said Highways, or Compositions to be made in lieu of the same.

*An Act for the publick Registering of all Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and other Incumbrances, that shall be made of or that may affect any Honors, Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the North Riding of the County of York, after the Nine and twentieth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and thirty six.*

*An Act for lengthening the West Pier of the Harbour of Whitby in the County of York, and for improving the said Harbour.*

*An Act for the Encouragement of the Arts of Designing, Engraving, and Etching Historical and other Prints, by vesting the Property thereof in the Inventors and Engravers, during the Time therein mentioned.*

*An Act for prolonging the Time for claiming the Fortunate Tickets in the Charitable Corporation Lottery; and for making Provision for Tickets in the said Lottery, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed.*

*An Act for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Bedels within the two Parishes of St. James and St. George, Hanover-Square, within the Liberties of the City of Westminster.*

*An Act to enable William Mackenzie, late Earl of Seaforth, to sue or maintain any Action or Suit, notwithstanding his Attainder, and to remove any Disability in him, by Reason of his said Attainder, to take or inherit any real or personal Estate, that may or shall hereafter descend or come to him.*

*An Act for Rebuilding the Parish Church of St. Leonard Shoreditch in the County of Middlesex.*

*An Act to enable the present and future Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Houses in Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, to make a Rate on themselves for raising Money sufficient to inclose, clean and adorn the said Fields.*

And to Sixteen private Bills.

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

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I am glad the Business of this Session of Parliament is brought to such a Conclusion, that I have now an Opportunity of giving you some Recess, after the great Pains you have taken in the Service of your Country. On this Occasion I must in Justice return you my Thanks for the many Instances you have given me of your Duty and Affection to my Person and Government, and for the necessary Provisions you have made for the Publick Security, as far as the immediate Circumstances of Affairs might require.

I have considered with great Care and Attention the present Situation of Europe, and duly weighed the Consequences, that may arise from the Progress of the War, either by means of its becoming more general, or continuing only to be carried on between the Powers already engaged.

An Accommodation of these unhappy Troubles appeared to be the best Means to prevent the Dangers, that are to be apprehended on either side. In this View, a Plan of Pacification was concerted between me and

the States General with great Impartiality, and not without reasonable Grounds to hope for Success, although it hath not had the desired Effect.

But all further Resolutions, to be taken in this important and critical Conjunction, must be principally determined by future Events: This makes it impossible for me at present to take the previous Advice and Concurrence of my Parliament in such Measures, as may become absolutely necessary to be entred into. But you may be assured, that my constant Concern for the Publick Welfare, the Liberties of Europe, and, in particular, for the Felicity and Security of these Kingdoms, will never suffer me to take any Steps, but such as the Honour and Interest of my Crown and People shall call for and justify; and in the pursuit of these great and desirable Ends, I do, with the best grounded Confidence, promise my self your zealous and affectionate Support.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I return you my hearty Thanks for the Supplies you have, with so much Cheerfulness and Dispatch, granted for the Service of the current Year; which have been so effectually raised, and accompanied with so reasonable an Augmentation of our Forces by Sea and Land, that I shall be in a Condition to make use of them in the most advantageous Manner for the Publick Service, as any Occasion, that may happen to arise, shall require.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

The Conduct and Prudence of this Parliament, in a Time of so great Difficulty, cannot be enough commended. The Posture of Affairs before us required all possible Resolution, join'd with Caution, neither to be unwarily involved in the present Disturbances, nor to remain unprovided against those Dangers, which are too obvious to stand in need of any Explanation, and may either directly or remotely affect us.

As I think it necessary this Summer to visit my Dominions in Germany, it is my Intention to appoint the Queen Regent here during my Absence; of whose just and prudent Administration you have on the like Occasion had Experience. Let me earnestly recommend it to you, to render the Burden of this weighty Trust as easy to Her as possible, by making it your constant Study and Endeavour, as I am sure it is your Inclination, to preserve the Peace of the Kingdom, and to discountenance and suppress all Attempts to raise groundless Discontents in the Minds of my People, whose Happiness hath always been, and shall continue my daily and uninterrupted Care.

*Then the Lord Chancellor, 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 Twelfth Day of June next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to Thursday the Twelfth Day of June next.*