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Westminster, April 8.

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 Messlage 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,

An Act to supply some Defects in the Laws for repairing and rebuilding County Bridges; for repairing, enlarging, erecting, and providing Houses of Correction, and for passing Rogues and Vagabonds.

An Act to continue an Act for Relief of Debtors, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, and two subsequent Acts for explaining and amending the same; and also to continue an Act for the free Importation of Cochineal and Indico.

An Act for continuing an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, to explain and amend a former Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, for the better regulating the Manufacture of Cloth, in the West Riding of the County of York, and for making the said Acts more effectual.

And to Seven private Bills.

His Majesty was afterwards pleased to make the following most gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

AT the opening of this Session I took Notice to you of the Death of the late Emperor, and of my Resolution to adhere to the Engagements I am under, in order to the maintaining of the Balance of Power, and the Liberties of Europe, on that important Occasion. The Assurances I received from you in Return to this Communication, were perfectly agreeable to that Zeal and Vigour, which this Parliament has always exerted in

the Support of the Honour and Interest of my Crown and Kingdoms, and of the common Cause.

The War, which has since broke out, and been carried on in Part of the Austrian Dominions, and the various and extensive Claims, which are publickly made on the late Emperor's Succession, are new Events, that require the utmost Care and Attention; as they may involve all Europe in a bloody War, and in Consequence expose the Dominions of such Princes, as shall take Part in Support of the Pragmatick Sanction, to imminent and immediate Danger. The Queen of Hungary has already made a Requisition of the Twelve thousand Men expressly stipulated by Treaty; and thereupon I have demanded of the King of Denmark, and of the King of Sweden, as Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, their respective Bodies of Troops, consisting of Six thousand Men each, to be in Readiness to march forthwith to the Assistance of her Hungarian Majesty. I am also concerting such further Measures, as may obviate and disappoint all dangerous Designs and Attempts that may be forming or carried on in Favour of any unjust Pretensions, to the Prejudice of the House of Austria. In this complicated and uncertain State of Things many Incidents may arise, during the Time, when, by Reason of the approaching Conclusion of this Parliament, it may be impossible for me to have your Advice and Assistance; which may make it necessary for me to enter into still larger Expences for maintaining the Pragmatick Sanction. In a Conjunction so critical, I have thought it proper to lay these important Considerations before you, and to desire the Concurrence of my Parliament, in enabling me to contribute, in the most effectual Manner, to the Support of the Queen of Hungary, the preventing, by all reasonable Means, the Subversion of the House of Austria, and to the maintaining the Liberties and Balance of Power in Europe.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must recommend it to you to grant me such a Supply, as may be requisite for these Ends;

(Price Two-Penca.)

