

son of the Year is so far advanced, that I am persuaded you are all very desirous of a Recess.

I acquainted you at the Beginning of the Session, with my Endeavours to bring about an Accommodation between those Princes, whose Union was most necessary in this critical Conjunction. The Treaty lately concluded between the Queen of Hungary and the King of Prussia, under my Mediation, and so highly to the Honour of Great Britain, must undoubtedly produce the best Consequences to the Common Cause.

The Successes which have attended the Austrian Arms in Germany; the Conjunction of the King of Sardinia's Forces with those of the Queen of Hungary in Italy; the present favourable Disposition of the States General, and of other great Powers, are, under God, chiefly owing to the generous Assistance, afforded by this Nation, to its ancient and natural Allies.

These happy Events cannot fail to give Encouragement to our Friends; and to establish the Reputation of our Strength, and our just Influence Abroad.

If, for the further Support and Defence of the Queen of Hungary, and to restore and secure the Balance of Power, so particularly recommended to me by my Parliament, it should become necessary for me to contract new Engagements, or to enter into further Measures, I rely upon your Zeal and Perseverance in so just a Cause, to enable me to make them good.

In the Midst of these extensive Transactions, I have been, and shall continue to be, attentive to the Prosecution of the War against Spain with the utmost Vigour; which is of the greatest Importance to the Trade and Navigation of my Subjects; the Encouragement and Protection whereof, shall be one of my principal Cares.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

The Zeal, Unanimity, and Dispatch, with which you have given such large Supplies for the Service of the current Year, demand my particular Thanks; and are fresh Proofs of your Duty to me, and of your Concern for the true Interest of your Country. The Success, with which these Supplies have been raised, must convince all the World of the established Credit of this Nation.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I have the justest Confidence in the Affections of my People, which I shall not fail to cultivate by a constant Care of their Rights and Liberties; and by promoting their Prosperity and Happiness. Let it be your Endeavour, in your respective Countries, to make these my good Intentions rightly understood; to calm and heal all Animosities and Divisions; to support my Authority and Government; and to preserve the Peace and good Order of the Kingdom.

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 Sixteenth Day of September next, to be then here held, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Sixteenth Day of September next.

AT the Court at *Kensington* the 13th Day of *July, 1742.*

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This Day the Right Honourable John Lord Gower, was, by his Majesty's Command, sworn of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, as likewise Keeper of the Privy Seal; and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day the Right Honourable Allen Lord Bathurst, and also the Right Honourable William Finch, Esq; Vice-Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, were, by his Majesty's Command, sworn of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took their Places at the Board accordingly.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Twelfth of King Charles the Second, and divers other Acts, the Exportation and Loading on any Horse or Carriages or Vessels in order to Export out of Great Britain, Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey, Sark and Alderny to Foreign Parts, of any Sheep, Wool, Woolfells, Mortlings, Shortlings, Wool, Yarn, Wool Flocks, Fullers Earth, or Fulling Clay, or of Wool slightly manufactured, so as to be reducible to Wool again (except in the particular Cases therein mentioned) is strictly prohibited, under the Penalties of forfeiting the Goods, Twenty Shillings for every Sheep, Three Shillings for every Pound Weight of such Goods, and of the Ship and Tackle, and of all the Goods and Chattels of the Master and Mariners assisting, and Three Months Imprisonment, and the Penalties to be equally divided between the Crown and the Prosecutor. And by an Act of the Fourth of his Majesty King George the First, the Offender is to be transported for Seven Years, if he don't pay the Penalty after Conviction, and Three Months lying in Prison; and in Case of Return before the Seven Years, he is lyable to be punished with Death as a Felon. And by an Act of the First of King William and Queen Mary, Wool to be sent Coastwise is prohibited to be loaded or carried by Land within Five Miles of the Port from whence it is to be sent Coastwise, unless it is first entered at such Port, with its Weights, Marks and Numbers, under the Penalty of forfeiting the Goods, with the Horses and Carriages, and the Persons concerned in carrying them, are subject to the same Penalties as for Exportation. But this is not to hinder the Conveyance of Wool from the Place of Shearing to the Owner's Dwelling-house, or Outhouse, though within Five Miles of the Sea. Provided, that within Ten Days after Shearing, and before the Removal, he certifies to the Officers of the next Part the Number of Fleeces,