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Westminster December 21.

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 Commissions, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, his Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am very glad of the Occasion, which my Coming hither, at this Time, gives me, of expressing to you the great Satisfaction I take, in seeing so good a Progress already made in the Business of this Session.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Readiness, and Dispatch, with which you have thus early provided so considerable a Part of the Supplies, for the ensuing Year, deserve my particular Thanks: And I make no Doubt, but the same Zeal for the Common Cause, will induce you to enable me to concert proper Measures, and to enter into, or make good, such Alliances, and Engagements with other Powers, as may be necessary for the Support of the Queen of Hungary, and restoring the Balance of Power.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I look upon this good Beginning, as a sure Pledge of your Steadiness, in pursuing the true Interest of Great Britain, which is, and ever shall be, my only View.

Moscow, Nov. 18. Some Days ago a Calmuck Princess, Sister of the famous Don Ducambo, Chan of the Calmucks that inhabit to the Eastward of the Wolga, arrived here to con-

gratulate her Czarish Majesty, upon her Accession to the Throne, in the Name of that Nation, which is under the Russian Protection. The Day before Yesterday this Princess had an Audience of the Czarina, and after having made her Compliments, she presented her Imperial Majesty with a Dozen of fine China Cups, six Pieces of Persian Silks, two Chinese Ingots, and several Pieces of Gold of the Indian and Persian Coins. As we have hitherto had but little Frost and Snow, and the Roads are almost impassable, the Czarina has put off her Return to Petersburg, and will celebrate here the Anniversary of her Accession to the Throne the 25th of this Month; which some Time ago her Majesty declared her Intention to have done at Petersburg. How long the Court will reside here afterwards is uncertain, it depending chiefly upon the setting in of the Frost for the Convenience of travelling in Sledges.

Naples, Nov. 27. On the 18th the Bey of Derna, Son in Law to that of Tripoli, attended by thirty Persons of his Suite, arrived here from Messina, to compliment the King on the Part of that Regency: He was received by Marquis Acquaviva, the Receiver of foreign Ministers, and conducted to the Palace fitted up by the Court for his Entertainment: He has brought as a Present to the King fifteen Arabian Horses, two white Dromedaries, a Lyon and two Tygers. All the Fortresses of this Kingdom have been provided with Ammunition, Military Stores, and the Magazines provided for a twelve Month. As these Dispositions occasion great Scarcity of Provisions in the Country, the Dissatisfaction therefore encreases amongst the People, as well as upon account of the extraordinary Taxes with which they are over-burthened. They are continuing to raise Recruits all over the Kingdom, to be distributed in the different Provinces, to compleat the King's Regiments that were in Lombardy.

Rome, Dec. 1. The 24th being the Queen of Naples's Birth-day, the same was celebra-

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