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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1750.

His MAJESTY's most gracious SPEECH to both Houses of Parliament, on Thursday the Sixteenth Day of November, 1749.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is with particular Pleasure that I now meet you in Parliament, at a Time, when the compleat Re-establishment of a General Peace has restored to My People the Blessings of Quiet and Tranquility. The good Effects resulting from hence, do already appear in the flourishing Condition of Our Commerce, and the Rise of the Publick Credit; which naturally lay the surest Foundation of an Increase of Strength, and of lasting Prosperity, to My Kingdoms. I have not fail'd this Summer to make Use of every Opportunity of cementing and securing the Peace; and it is my firm Resolution to do every Thing in My Power for the Preservation of it, and religiously to adhere to the Engagements I have enter'd into.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that I have found all the Contracting Powers in the Definitive Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, as well as the rest of My Allies, in the same good Disposition; and have no Reason to doubt of their Concurrence in the same desirable End. It is unnecessary for Me to tell you, that nothing can contribute so much to the Continuance and Improvement of this happy Situation of Affairs, as the effectual supporting of that Weight and Influence, which properly belong to the Crown of Great-Britain.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons;

I have order'd the proper Officers to prepare and lay before you the Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year. I desire such Supplies only, as shall be found necessary for the Security and Welfare of the Nation; and in that View, I must earnestly recommend to you the maintaining of My Fleet in its full Strength; and that you would be watchful to improve any Opportunity of putting the National Debt in a Method of being reduced, with a strict Regard to publick Faith, and private Property.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have nothing to desire of you, but that you would with Unanimity and Dispatch pursue such Measures, as may be most conducive to your own real and lasting Interest. Whatever good Laws you shall propose for the Advancement of Our Trade and Navigation; and for encouraging a Spirit of Industry in all Parts of the Kingdom; will be extremely acceptable to Me. And you may rest assur'd, that I shall always look upon the true Greatness of My Crown and the Stability of My Government, as inseparably united with the Happiness and Prosperity of My People.

To His MAJESTY.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

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Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

The good Effects resulting to Your Kingdoms from the compleat Re-establishment of the General Tranquility, which are so sensibly felt in our Commerce and Publick Credit, are the most interesting Subject of our Congratulations to Your Majesty. But we should fall short of those Sentiments, which we cherish in our Breasts, on this Occasion, if we did not, at the same Time, gratefully acknowledge, that, under the Divine Protection,

these Blessings are owing to Your Royal Care and Vigilance for the Good of Your People.

The same gracious Concern for our Welfare, and for the Repose of Europe, has induc'd Your Majesty to improve every Opportunity to cement and secure that Peace, which has been to lately restor'd to us; and it gives us great Satisfaction to be inform'd, that this good Disposition has been shewn by all the Contracting Powers in the Definitive Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, and the rest of Your Majesty's Allies.

Your Majesty's wife Admonition, confirm'd by past Experience, convinces us, that the effectual maintaining of that Weight and Influence, which properly belong to the Crown of Great-Britain, is essential to the Duration and Improvement of this happy Situation. Our Interest therefore, as well as our Duty, obliges us unfeign'dly to assure Your Majesty of our hearty and zealous Concurrence and Support in all such Measures, as shall be most conducive to this great End, as well as to the Preferment of the Peace.

To keep up the Naval Force of this Kingdom in full Vigour; to protect and advance its Trade and Navigation; to encourage and extend a Spirit of Industry in the Nation; are Objects truly becoming Your Royal Wisdom: And Your Majesty's Perseverance in the Pursuit of them will always secure to You the Hearts and Affections of Your Subjects. Your Majesty could not have given a more acceptable Proof of Your fix'd Attention to their Welfare, than by recommending these Considerations, with so much Earnestness, to Your Parliament. The least Return we can make for so much Goodness is, to promise Your Majesty, on our Part, the most ready Assistance and Concurrence in effectuating the proper Means for these salutary Purposes.

Permit us, from the Bottom of our Hearts, to give Your Majesty the strongest Assurances, that we consider the true Greatness of Your Crown, and the Stability of Your Government, as being, under God, the solid Foundation of the Felicity of Your People. From this Principle we will never depart; nothing being more certain, than that these Kingdoms can never be happy, but in the Preservation of Your Sacred Person, and the Security of the Protestant Succession in Your Royal Family; which we are determin'd always to defend and maintain.

His MAJESTY's most Gracious Answer.

My Lords,

The Assurance you give Me in this dutiful and affectionate Address, are such as deserve My most hearty Thanks. The Sentiments which you express, concerning the present Situation of Affairs, are extremely agreeable to Me; and cannot fail to give great Satisfaction both at Home, and Abroad.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of Commons to the KING.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great-Britain in Parliament assembled, return your Majesty our sincere and hearty Thanks for your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

We beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the compleat Re-establishment of a General Peace, whereby the Blessings of Tranquility are restored to your People; and to express our Satisfaction at the good Disposition which Your Majesty has shewn in all Your Allies, as well as in the Contracting Powers in the Definitive Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, to continue and preserve to desirable a Situation; from whence we have not only the comfortable Prospect of future Peace, but may likewise promise ourselves, through the flourishing Condition of our

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