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From a late Paper.

**T**H O' Happiness is the End which all Mankind seek after, how few are there who take the right Path to obtain it? What can be the Cause that human Reason is thus bewildered? In his own Breast ten thousand wily Phantoms wanton, who Syren like, allure him to forsake the Substance to pursue the Shade, and chant him to his own Destruction; the pleasing delusive Images, so darken and obscure the Light of Reason by their all seducing Flatteries; that he mistakes his Guide, and fondly trusts himself to their Delusion, who surely lead him, like an Ox to the Slaughter, to certain Ruin and Misery. The most cruel Enemies any Man can have are those that wear the ensnaring Dress of Friendship; and of all false Friends those flattering Masters of the Mind, called Passions, are by far the greatest: To what strange Pursuits under the Colour of seeking Happiness do they seduce us? One Man possesses that most bewitching Foible of our first Father Adam, and would again forfeit Paradise for a Woman's Smile, and thinks the World not worth a Female Tear; whilst another denies there's one Perfection in the Sex, and hates the very Side from which the Rib was stole; but his Horse he almost idolizes, and when in full Career with yelping Dogs for his Companions, he pursues his fearful Fellow Creature's Life, he thinks himself an happier Man than Adam was before the Fall. This Man to Bacchus pays his whole Devour, and takes the Vine to be the very Tree of Life, and that the Grape's reviving Juice is Heaven's best Gift, which Blessing his Intemperance soon converts into a Curse; now see him raving like a Lunatic, and in his frantic Fit commit some horrid Crime, which, when the intoxicating Fume that clouded Reason's Light, dissipated, and the Mind's furious Tempest is allayed, he, like our first Father Adam, would most ungratefully attribute to his Maker, by saying, The Wine that thou gavest me was the Cause. Down his parch'd thirsty Throat so many Tuns he pours, 'til he himself resembles one; and tho' Brimful, quite fit for tapping, cannot forbear, but Glass and Life go off together. This to Plutus all his Adoration pays, and thinks no Pleasure like a Purse of Gold; this most unhappy Wretch is to himself and all Mankind a Foe; and all Mankind he would defraud, but most he cheats himself; for when by every guileful Art he has amassed whole Chests of Ore, yet the poor miserable Lunatic dares not touch it for his Soul; why do I say Soul! this Wretch has surely none but what is tied up in his Bags! No Sleep his anxious Eye-lids know, for if the Wind but whistle in the Night; his Thieves he cries, and to his darling Treasure flies; but if kind Morpheus o'er his Eyes leaden Plumbets for a Moment lays, droll mimic Fancy represents some Thieves at his Chests; and in his Agony awakes him; he quarrels with his own Stomach, and bites his very Food with anger when he eats, because it costs him Money; 'til at last he starves himself to Death, for fear of wanting! Towering Ambition swells the Mind of this, Thoughts of high Place and Title, to climb to every Summit of Fortune's Ladder, and at Top preside. This restless Passion is always a Torment to it's Owner, but when unjustly placed, ruins sometime a whole Community; here every Artifice, both good and bad; here little Merit Fame's flattering Trump must magnify, and Vice must borrow Virtue's beauteous Robes; and here the hypocritical Paint of the *Charybdis amor patriæ* must all untie to lift him as he mounts: If by some Merit, or with mighty Pains he soars so high to reach the Pinnacle of Power, how 't he girt about with Danger? If like the Imperial Bird, he can look down to the deep Vale below with steady and unshaken Head, he may serve his Country well, but never makes those easy, who like him, aspire to rise; but if the high aerial View makes him giddy, and tottering stand, some stea-

dier Head soon takes his Place, and thrusts him headlong down the dreadful Precipice.

Thus we poor wandering Mortals miserably toil out all our Time in vain Pursuits of Happiness; and now at the very Eve of Life, just as the Sun's about to set, when the cruel Syrens have seduced us to the very Brink of Eternity, they vanish; then we bewailing see our fatal Error; and tho' grievously fatigued, strive to beat back the toilsome Road again, and to set out afresh, how great the Danger, left by the Way we faint, and the Sun sets before we reach the Goal!

Would you enjoy Life's sweet Repose  
Without one Sigh or Groan?  
True Happiness right Reason shows,  
Thro' Virtue's Path alone.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.

WESTMINSTER, April 6.

**H**IS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, the Honourable Sir Henry Bellenden, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message 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 make the following most gracious Speech.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*  
**N**OTHING could have given me greater Satisfaction, at this Time, than the Unanimity, and Dispatch, with which you have gone through the Business of this Session. Though no particular Point of extraordinary Moment hath offered itself to your Consideration, yet you have shewn the most attentive Regard to every Branch of the Public Service. As to Foreign Affairs, I shall say nothing at present, except, That it is my fixed Resolution to do every Thing in my Power to maintain the general Tranquillity, and to adhere to such Measures, for that Purpose, as I have hitherto pursued, in Conjunction with the Powers in Alliance with me.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*  
I return you my hearty Thanks for the Supplies which you have so cheerfully granted, and which are the more acceptable to me, as they have brought no new Burden upon my good Subjects.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*  
The Time draws near, when the present Parliament must determine by Law; and it is my Intention, very speedily, to call a new One. But it would be unjust to this, not to give it a public Testimony of my Approbation. The many eminent Proofs which you have given, of your Duty and Affection to my Person and Government; of your Zeal for this excellent Constitution; and for the Security of the present Establishment; can never be forgotten by me. By your vigorous Assistance, under the Protection of the Divine Providence, I was enabled to put an End to an expensive though necessary War, by an honourable Peace, which you have greatly contributed to preserve, by readily and uniformly supporting my Measures. You have gone farther; and, whilst the Difficulties arising from the War were scarce over, seized the first Opportunity, to perfect one of the greatest Works of Peace, by concurring in the most proper Means for a gradual Decrease of the National Debt; and, at the same Time, raising the Public Credit. You have also, by several new Laws, laid a Foundation to strengthen and advance the Trade and Commerce of my Kingdoms. Such a Series of wise and steady Conduct cannot fail to recommend you to the Good-will and Esteem of your Fellow Subjects, as well as mine. For my own Part, I securely rely upon the Loyalty and good Affections of my People, and have no other Aim but their lasting Happiness.

Thro' the Lord Chancellor, by his Majesty's Command said,

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*  
**I**T is his Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the 25th Day of April instant, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 25th Day of April instant.

*Whitehall, April 6.* The King has been pleased to appoint Thomas Hollis, Duke of Newcastle, Knight of the most nob'le Order of the Garter, the Right Honourable Henry, Earl of Darlington, the Right Honourable Henry Legge, Esq; Thomas Hay, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Drupplin, and Robert Nugent, Esq; to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable George Lord Anson, William Ponsonby, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Duncannon, Welborne Ellis, Thomas Villiers, William Rowley, and Edward Boscawen, Esqrs. together with Charles Townshend, Esq; to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Dominions, Islands and Territories thereunto respectively belonging.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable George Dunk, Earl of Halifax, John Pitt, James Granville, Francis Fane, Andrew Stone, and James Oswald, Esqrs. together with Richard Edgecumbe and Thomas Pelham, Esqrs. Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Honourable George Granville, Esq; the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable William Viscount Barrington, the Office of Keeper, and the Custody of his Majesty's Great Wardrobe.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Henry Burrard, Esq; the Office of Ranger of New Forest, in the County of Southampton.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Henry Legge, Esq; the Office of Chancellor of his Majesty's Exchequer; and also to grant unto the said Henry Legge, the Office of Under Treasurer to his Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to order Sir George Lyttleton, Bart. to be sworn and admitted into the Place of Cofferer of his Majesty's Household.

The King has been pleased to order the Right Honourable Wills, Earl of Hillsborough, to be sworn and admitted into the Place of Comptroller of his Majesty's Household.

The King has been pleased to order — Grey, Esq; to be sworn and admitted one of the Clerks of his Majesty's Green Cloth, in order to his being admitted in due Form to take his Place at the Board.

*April 9.*  
By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
For Dissolving this present Parliament, and declaring the Calling of another.  
GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament, which now stands prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-fifth Day of this instant April: We do for that End publish this our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on Thursday the said Twenty-fifth Day of this instant April. And we being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our People, and have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all our loving Subjects our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament; and do hereby further de-