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His Majesty's most gracious SPEECH to both Houses of Parliament, November 14, 1746.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I HAVE called you together as early as the late conclusion of the last session of Parliament, and the situation of public affairs, would permit. During this recess, I have been particularly attentive to extinguish any remains of the late rebellion, and to re-establish and secure our tranquility at home so far as depended upon me. The rest I have reason to expect from your zeal and prudent deliberations; of which, the foundation already laid gives me well-grounded hopes.

In the mean time, the state of the war abroad has received a considerable alteration. Tho' France has made some farther progress, in the *Netherlands*, yet the *United Provinces*, whose interests are so strictly connected with ours, have been preserved from that danger which threaten'd them at the opening of the campaign, and a considerable army remains there for their defence. It has pleas'd God to bless the arms of my good allies, the empress queen of *Hungary*, and the king of *Sardinia*, with signal success in *Italy*. The acquisitions made there by our enemies have been recover'd from them; their forces broken, and almost ruined, have been oblig'd to evacuate that country; and an irruption is now actually making into *France*, whereby the distresses of that kingdom must be greatly increased, and a proportionable diversion made in favour of the *Low Countries*.

I have often assured you, that my sole aim in carrying on this just and necessary war, is a safe and unobtainable peace. In this view I have shew'd a sincere disposition towards a general pacification. I have consented to the holding of conferences at *Breda*, in order to try whether our enemies will, in the event, agree to such terms and conditions, as may be consistent with the honour of my crown, the security and true interests of my kingdoms, and my engagements to my allies, whom it is in my firm resolution not to abandon.

But whilst we are treating of peace, reason and good policy demand that we should be prepared for war. I am therefore actually concerning with my allies the proper measures for vigorously pursuing the war in another campaign, in case the obstinacy of our enemies should render it necessary. My desire is to adjust these measures as speedily as possible, that our preparations may be early; that the Confederate army in the *Netherlands* may be augmented in time; and the operations on the side of *Italy* carried on with effect. It shall also be my particular care to exert our strength at sea, in the most effectual manner, for the defence of my kingdoms and possessions, the protection of the trade of my subjects, and the annoyance of our enemies.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have ordered the estimates for the ensuing year to be prepared and laid before you; and desire you to grant me such supplies as shall be requisite for your own security, and for carrying on such measures as it shall be necessary for *Great Britain* to pursue, in the present important conjuncture. It gives me much concern, to be oblig'd at the same time to acquaint you, that by reason of the unavoidable accidents, and consequences of war, the funds appropriated for the support of my civil Government, have, for some years past, fallen greatly short of the revenue intended, and granted by Parliament: I therefore rely on your known affection to me, to find out some method to make good this deficiency.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

Nothing is so valuable, and essential to me, as your vigorous support; on this I depend; and I trust you will demonstrate it by the zeal, unanimity, and dispatch of your proceedings.

The humble ADDRESS of the Rt. Hon. the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, Nov. 18, 1746.

*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.

Your majesty has given fresh proofs of your paternal goodness and care of your kingdoms, in your vigilance to extinguish any remains of the late rebellion, and to secure and re-establish our tranquility at home. That unnatural and flagitious enterprise, formed and supported by our most inveterate enemies, as it was aimed against your crown and royal family, struck at the very foundations of the happiness of your people. Your majesty may be therefore assured, that out of duty and affection to your majesty, and love to our country, our most zealous endeavours shall be exerted to perfect that good work, which by your arms and your justice, has been hitherto so successfully conducted; and to make such regulations as may be most conducive to the preventing the like evils for the future, and to the repose and security of the whole united kingdom.

Tho' we behold with concern the progress made by our enemies in the *Netherlands*, yet it gives us great satisfaction to see the states general of the *United Provinces*, those ancient and natural allies of *Great-Britain*, still preserved from the ambitious and destructive projects formed against them. At the same time we rejoice in the signal successes, with which it has pleas'd God to bless the magnanimity and steadiness of the empress queen of *Hungary*, and the king of *Sardinia*, in *Italy*. Nothing can be more conformable to the just expectations of this nation, or can contribute more to the advantage of the common cause, and to make France feel those distresses, which that power has endeavour'd to bring upon others, than the effectual prosecution of those successes; by a powerful invasion of its dominions on that side.

With the utmost gratitude we acknowledge your majesty's tender regard for your People, in shewing so sincere a disposition towards a general pacification, on safe and reasonable terms. Your majesty's arms, taken up only for the just defence of your own rights, and those of your kingdoms, and of the common liberty, will always be directed by that desirable end. And we beg leave, with great humility, to express our concurrence in that opinion which your majesty has been pleas'd so wisely to declare to your Parliament, that reason and prudence require our being early prepared for another campaign, in case the obstinacy of our enemies should render it necessary.

On this account we should be inexcusable, if we did not return your majesty our sincere thanks, for your timely care to enter into a concert with your allies, on the proper measures for that purpose; and for your gracious resolution to exert your naval strength in the most effectual manner, for the protection of the most valuable interests of your subjects, and for striking terror into your enemies.

We beseech your majesty to accept the strongest assurances of our zealous and hearty support in these your just views and intentions; and that we will cheerfully consent to all such measures as shall be requisite to strengthen your majesty's hands, either for prosecuting such a peace as may be consistent with the honour of your crown, the true interest of your people, and your engagements to your allies; or for prosecuting the war with vigour. And we beg leave to renew to your majesty the most unfeigned professions of our entire conviction, that the prosperity and well being of these Kingdoms do, under God, depend on our being secured against the ambitious designs of France.