

# MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

TUESDAY, September 1, 1747.

His MAJESTY'S most gracious SPEECH to both Houses of PARLIAMENT, on Wednesday the seventeenth Day of June, 1747.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

NOTHING could have been more acceptable to me, than the Zeal and Dispatch with which you have gone through the public Business, during the Course of this Session. The Care and Attention you have shewn to extinguish any Remains of the late Rebellion, and to strengthen the Foundations of our future Tranquility by new Provisions, as well for restoring the proper Authority of the Government in *North Britain*, as for better securing the Liberties of the People there, cannot fail to have the most beneficial Consequences.

THE great Efforts you have made for carrying on the War in a vigorous Manner, have shewn you not to be less attentive to our foreign than to our domestic Interests. They have given Spirit to my Allies; and enabled me, in Conjunction with them, to bring a numerous and powerful Army early into the Field; and to maintain strong Squadrons at Sea, for the Protection and Defence of our Trade and Possessions, the Annoyance of our Enemies, and for supporting and enforcing the Operations of my Allies in *Italy*. The Invasion made by *France* upon the Territories of the States General of the United Provinces, has had a different Effect from what our Enemies promised themselves from it. The voluntary and speedy Succour which I sent on that Occasion, was received with the utmost Joy, and has been of great Use; and the State have thereupon not only resolved on a great Augmentation of their Forces, which is actually making, but have taken such Steps as must convince our Enemies, how determined they are vigorously to support their own Independence, and the Interest of the common Cause. I have the peculiar Satisfaction to acquaint you, that the Union between *Great Britain* and the Republic, so necessary for both Nations, was never more cordial, or better established, than it is at present.

THE signal Success which, by the Blessing of God, has already attended my Fleet, has happily disappointed some very pernicious Projects of our Enemies, and given a considerable Blow to their Naval Strength, as well as to their Commerce; which will be the most provable Means of reducing them to Reason. This is the great Object which I have at Heart; the sole View of all my Measures being to put an End to the Calamities of War, by a safe and honourable Peace.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I MUST acknowledge in a particular Manner the Zeal and Application, with which you have raised the necessary Supplies for the Service of the current Year; and your Readiness in making good the Deficiency of the Civil List Funds, arising from the unavoidable Consequences of War, is a fresh Instance of that Regard and Affection which I have always experienced from you. To be able to effectuate all this immediately, after the suppressing of an unnatural and expensive Rebellion, and under the Burdens of War, must set the Strength and Credit of the Nation in the highest Light, and secure to the Crown of *Great Britain* that Weight and Respect, both with it's Friends and Enemies, which justly belong to it.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

AFTER the Examples of Justice, which have been found necessary, I have with Pleasure taken the very first Opportunity of doing what is more agreeable to my own Inclination, the passing an Act of Grace. The good Effect I promise myself from hence is, to heal in some measure those Wounds which have been made, and re-establish the Quiet of the Kingdom; since by this Act the Generality of those who have been deluded from their Duty, will find themselves restored to Security, and to the Protection of those Laws which they had endeavoured to subvert. A just Sense of this early Mercy will, I hope, induce

them to make such Returns of Loyalty and Gratitude, as so strong an Obligation requires.

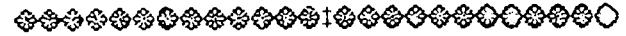
As this Parliament would necessarily determine in a short Time, and as nothing will give so much Weight and Credit to our Affairs abroad in the present Conjunction, as to shew the Dependence I have upon the Affections of my People. I have judged it expedient speedily to call a new Parliament. But I should think myself inexcusable, if I parted with this, without publicly returning you my Thanks for the many eminent Instances you have given me, of your inviolable Fidelity, and Attachment to my Person and Government, and your unshaken Adherence to the true Interest of your Country, and the Protestant Succession in my Family. By the Divine Blessing, and your vigorous Assistance, I have been enabled to crush and defeat the most audacious Attempt that has ever been made to overturn the present Establishment; and at the same Time to furnish that support to our ancient and natural Allies, which has already disappointed some of the most dangerous Views of Ambition, with which our Enemies began the War. Such extraordinary Merit, as it will always be gratefully remembered by me, must endear the Memory of this Parliament to posterity. From such Demonstrations of the Loyalty and Affection of my faithful Subjects, I do with the utmost satisfaction repose myself upon them; and do not in the least doubt of receiving new Proofs of the same good Disposition, in the Choice of their Representatives.

I HAVE nothing so much at Heart, as the Preservation of the Civil and Religious Rights of my People, and the Maintenance of the true Greatness and Prosperity of this Nation. From these Principles I will never deviate, and in these Principles every true *Briton* will concur. Let this appear by your Conduct in the present Conjunction; and let no false Arts or Misrepresentations take place to interrupt, or weaken that Confidence and Harmony between me and my People, which have been, and ever will be, productive of such happy Effects.

*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 ninth Day of July next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the ninth Day of July next.



From the General Magazine, for February, 1747.  
*An Account of a Man's standing the Shot of a Cannon at a small Distance; with the Method of doing it with Safety.*

S I R, Portsmouth, Jan. 18, 1746-7.

I WAS a few Days since in Company with a Person who affirmed he had the Secret of doing a Thing I have often heard of, but hitherto always imagined impossible; that is, standing the shot of a Cannon charged with a proper Ball, and full Quantity of Powder, at the Distance of ten Yards. A Set of us who were together, on his positively asserting this, against all our Objections to the Possibility of it, offered, in short, to procure a Cannon, and Powder and Ball, if he dared put it in execution; to which he readily consented; and the next Day we got an Iron Gun, a Nine Pounder, a Bullet of that Weight, and the Quantity of Powder for a Charge.

All that he required was, to have the charging of the Gun himself; which when he had done, he placed himself at ten Yards Distance, straight before the Muzzle, and desired one of us to fire it: We were a good deal surprized at his Confidence; but, unwilling to be accessory to his losing his Life by his Rashness, desired him to stand from before the Cannon, and only place his Hand to receive the Bullet: This he did, and I fired it myself: The Loudness of the Report gave us no Room