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WEDNESDAY, May 1, 1751.

His MAJESTY's most gracious SPEECH to both Houses of Parliament, on Thursday, the 17th Day of January, 1750.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I HAVE postpon'd your Meeting to this Time, that I might consult your private Convenience, as far as was consistent with the Occasions of the Public. The Continuance of the present Tranquility has afforded an Opportunity for the former, and rendered the latter less pressing. Since the last Session, my Care and Attention have been constantly employ'd in improving the Situation: And I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that I have concluded a Treaty with my good Brother the King of Spain, whereby such particular Differences, as, from the Nature of them, could not be settled in a general Treaty, have been amicably adjusted, without the Intervention of any other Party; and the Commerce of my Subjects with that Country re-established upon the most advantageous and sure Foundations.

In the Progress of this Work, I have receiv'd such Assurances of the sincere Disposition of the Catholic King to cement and maintain the most perfect Union with me, as leave no Room to doubt of its good Effects being felt in all Parts; and there is the greatest Reason to hope, that the ancient Friendship and good Correspondence between the two Nations, which had been long unfortunately interrupted, will, from mutual Interest and Inclination, be now effectually restor'd.

I have also, in Conjunction with the Empress Queen, and the Emperor General, concluded a Treaty with the Elector of Bavaria; and am taking such further Measures, as may best tend to strengthen and secure the Tranquility of the Empire; support its System; and timely prevent such Events, as have been found by Experience to endanger the common Cause; involve Europe in the Calamities of War; and occasion the Loss of much Blood and Treasure to my own Kingdoms.

Both these Treaties shall be laid before you: And, as I have told you the Views with which I have enter'd into them, I must do Justice to all the contracting Powers in the Definitive Treaty at Aix-la-Chapelle, by acquainting you, that I have receiv'd from them the most full and clear Declarations of their Resolution to preserve the general Peace.

That nothing might be wanting for these salutary Purposes, I have taken Care to strengthen and consolidate the Ties of Union and Friendship between me and my Allies; the better to secure our mutual Interest, maintain the Peace already subsisting, and to prevent the Occasion of any future Rupture. And, that there might remain no Doubt of the Uprightness and Sincerity of my Intentions, I have made the proper Communications of the Measures I have taken, and the Principles on which they have been founded.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have order'd Supplies to be laid before you, for the current Service of the Year. I desire only such Supplies, as shall be necessary for your own Security, and making good such Engagements as have been contracted, and are now communicat'd to you.

The successful and happy Progress, which has been made in the Reduction of the Interest of the National Debt, does us Honour to this Parliament, and adds much to our Reputation in foreign Countries. So little of this great Work remains unfinished, that I make no Doubt of your completing it with Success, in the most just and equitable Manner.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have nothing farther to recommend to you in particular: I exhort you in general, to make the best Use of the present State of Tranquility, for improving the Trade and Commerce of my Kingdoms; for enforcing the Execution of the Laws;

and for suppressing these Outrages and Violences, which are inconsistent with all good Order and Government; and endanger the Lives and Properties of my Subjects, whose Happiness, and flourishing Condition I have entirely at Heart.

The humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, presented to his Majesty, on Friday the 18th Day of January, 1750.

Most gracious Sovereign,

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

Your Majesty's paternal Care, always watchful for the Prosperity of your Kingdoms, and mix'd with a generous extensive Concern for the common Welfare of Europe, has appeared in nothing more, than in your Endeavours to improve the present State of Tranquility: This must be evident to all the World, from the Series of important Transactions which your Majesty has been pleas'd to lay before us; and it is with the utmost Thankfulness, we acknowledge Your Goodness in communicating to us, that the Treaty has been so successfully concluded between your Majesty, and the King of Spain. As the Commerce of these Kingdoms is the Source of the Wealth of your Subjects; and of the Strength and Splendor of your Crown, so your Majesty's Attention to re-establish our Trade with that Country, on the most advantageous Conditions, is a fresh Instance of your uninterrupted Vigilance for the most essential Concerns of your People. Mutual Interest and mutual Inclination are the best Foundations of a lasting Amity and good Correspondence, which from the Concurrence of such Motives, we firmly hope will be happily restored between the two Nations in all Parts, and that those Causes, which have long interrupted them, are now effectually removed.

Your Royal Wisdom has not been confined to the adjusting of present Differences, and the remedying of Inconveniences actually existing: It is with Pleasure we observe, that your Foresight is exerting itself to secure us, as far as can be done by human Prudence, against such Events as has formerly involved Europe in the Calamities of War. In this View we look upon the Treaty, which your Majesty has lately concluded with the Elector of Bavaria, and the further Measures, which you are graciously pleas'd to inform us, are carrying on for securing the Tranquility, and supporting the System of the Empire. Nothing can tend more to effectuate these Measures, than the strengthening and consolidating the Ties of Union and Friendship between your Majesty and your Allies; which cannot fail at the same Time to be attended with the best Consequences for promoting our mutual Interests, preserving the general Repose, and preventing the Occasion of any future Rupture.

We are truly sensible of your Majesty's Goodness, in laying before us, these your salutary Views and Intentions. In the Prosecution of them the Weight and Influence of the Crown of Great Britain are very visible; and we do with the greatest Cheerfulness assure our Majesty of our steady and zealous Support in all such Measures, as may best answer these desirable Ends.

Our unshaken Duty and Affection to your sacred Person, and our Love of our Country, are the surest Pledges of our Conduct. It shall be our first Care to demonstrate our inviolable Adherence to these Principles; nor shall any Thing be wanting on our Part, to advance the Trade and flourishing Condition of these Kingdoms; to enforce the Obedience of the Laws, and of good Order amongst your People; and to maintain the Dignity and Strength of your Majesty's Crown and Government both at Home and Abroad.