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WESTMINSTER, July 31.

This day his Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual solemnity, Sir Francis Blyden, 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 thither accordingly, his Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An act for granting to his Majesty a certain sum of money out of the Consolidated Fund of Great Britain; and for applying a certain sum of money therein mentioned for the service of Great Britain for the year one thousand eight hundred and four; and for further appropriating the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.

After which his Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Before I put an end to the present Session of Parliament, I am desirous of expressing my entire approbation of the zeal and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the great objects of public concern which have come under your consideration.

You have wisely continued to direct your attention to the encouragement and improvement of that respectable and powerful Volunteer Force which the ardour and spirit of my subjects has enabled me to establish, to an extent hitherto unexampled: You have at the same time endeavoured to combine an additional establishment of our domestic defence, with the means of augmenting our regular army, and of maintaining it on such a scale as may be proportioned

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to the circumstances of the times, and to the rank which this country ought ever to hold among the Powers of Europe.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

You are entitled to my warmest Acknowledgments for the fresh proof which you have given me of your constant and affectionate attachment to my Person and Family, and your regard to the honour and dignity of my Crown, by the liberal provision which you have made for the payment of the debt on my Civil List revenues, and for furnishing me with the additional means of defraying the increase which has unavoidably taken place in different branches of my expenditure.

I must also return you my warmest thanks for the extensive provision which you have made for the exigencies of the public services, and especially for the just and prudent attention which you have shewn to true economy, and to the permanent credit and welfare of the country, by the great exertions you have made for preventing, as far as possible, the accumulation of debt, and for raising so large a proportion of the expences of the war within the year.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have now only to recommend to you, to carry into your respective counties the same zeal for the public interest which has guided all your proceedings. It will be your particular duty to inculcate on the minds of all classes of my subjects, that the preservation of all that is most dear to them requires the continuance of their unremitting exertions for the national defence.

The preparations which the enemy has long been forming for the declared purpose of invading this kingdom are daily augmented, and the attempt appears to have been delayed only with the view of procuring additional means for carrying it into execution.

Relying on the skill, valour, and discipline of my naval and military force, aided by the voluntary zeal and native courage of my people, I look with confidence to the issue of this great conflict; and I doubt not that it will terminate, under the blessing of Providence, not only in repelling the danger of the moment, but in establishing, in the eyes of foreign nations, the security of this country on a basis never to be shaken.

In addition to this first and great object, I entertain the animating hope that the benefits to be derived from our successful exertions will not be confined within ourselves; but that, by their example and their consequences, they may lead to the re-establishment of such a system in Europe, as may rescue it from the precarious state to which it is reduced; and may finally raise an effectual barrier against the unbounded schemes of aggrandizement and ambition which threaten every independent nation that yet remains on the continent.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by his Majesty's command, said;

Mr. Lords and Gentlemen,

It is his Majesty's royal will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the fourth day of September next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly

