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FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 28, TO FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1807.

At the Court at the Queen's Palace, the 27th of April 1807,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

It is this day ordered by his Majesty in Council, that the Parliament be prorogued from this 27th day of April instant, to Wednesday the 13th day of May next.

The speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Monday, April 27, 1707.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We have it in command from his Majesty to inform you, that his Majesty has thought fit to avail himself of the first moment which would admit of an interruption of the sitting of Parliament, without material inconvenience to the public business, to close the present session; and that his Majesty has therefore been pleased to cause a commission to be issued under the Great Seal for proroguing the Parliament.

We are further commanded to state to you, that his Majesty is anxious to recur to the sense of his people, while the events which have recently taken place are yet fresh in their recollection.

His Majesty feels, that in resorting to this measure, under the present circumstances, he at once demonstrates, in the most unequivocal manner, his own conscientious persuasion of the rectitude of those motives upon which he has acted, and affords to his people the best opportunity of testifying their determination to support him in every exercise of the prerogatives of his crown, which is conformable to the sacred obligations under which they are held, and conducive to the welfare of his kingdom, and to the security of the constitution.

His Majesty directs us to express his entire

conviction, that after so long a reign, marked by a series of indulgences to his Roman Catholic subjects, they, in common with every other class of his people; must feel assured of his attachment to the principles of a just and enlightened toleration, and of his anxious desire to protect equally, and promote impartially, the happiness of all descriptions of his subjects.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

His Majesty has commanded us to thank you, in his Majesty's name, for the supplies which you have furnished for the public service. He has seen, with great satisfaction, that you have been able to find the means of defraying, in the present year, those large but necessary expences for which you have provided, without imposing upon his people the immediate burden of additional taxes.

His Majesty has observed with no less satisfaction, the inquiries which you have instituted into subjects connected with public economy; and he trusts that the early attention of a new parliament, which he will forthwith direct to be called, will be applied to the prosecution of these important objects.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

His Majesty has directed us most earnestly to recommend to you, that you should cultivate, by all means in your power, a spirit of union, harmony, and good-will amongst all classes and descriptions of his people.

His Majesty trusts that the divisions naturally and unavoidably excited by the late unfortunate and uncalled for agitation of a question so interesting to the feelings and opinions of his people, will speedily pass away; and that the prevailing sense and determination of all his subjects to exert their united efforts in the cause of their country, will enable his Majesty to conduct to an honourable and secure termination the great contest in which he is engaged.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read, after which the Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of his Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in his Majesty's name, and in obedience to his command, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the 13th day of May next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the 13th day of May next.

QUEEN'S PALACE, April 22, 1807.

The King was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Jonathan Miles, Esq. and James Branscomb, Esq.

FOREIGN OFFICE, April 23, 1807.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Sir Arthur Paget, Knight of the most honourable order of the Bath, to be His Majesty's Plenipotentiary at the Sublime Porte.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, April 25, 1807.

Copy of a letter from Captain J. R. DACRES, Jun. of His Majesty's ship Bacchante, to J. R. DACRES, Esq. Vice-Admiral of the White, &c. &c. &c.

His Majesty's ship Bacchante, at sea, February 25, 1807.

SIR—Having captured the French national schooner, as mentioned in my letter of the 16th instant, which I found was well known in Samana, (that nest for privateers,) and having consulted with Captain Wise, of the Mediator, whom I fell in with off the Mona, under similar orders to myself, cruising for the annoyance of the enemy, (whose vessels are principally privateers in these seas,) I took him under my orders, and arrived at a determination to send the captured vessel in, under her former colours, to disguise this ship as a prize, and the Mediator as a neutral, which stratagem so completely deceived them, that we got through the intricate navigation of the harbour, and anchored within half a mile of the fort, before the enemy discovered their mistake, and opened their fire upon us from the fort, which I have the pleasure to acquaint you, Sir, after a heavy cannonade of four hours from the ships,

Price Sixpence.

