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WESTMINSTER—FEBRUARY 28, 1820.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a commission under the Great Seal, signed by his Majesty, for declaring his Majesty's Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire immediate attendance of the Honourable House in House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An act for continuing an act, made in the last session of Parliament, intituled, "An act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the army and their quarters."

An act to continue, until the twenty-fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty, such laws as may expire within a limited period.

An act to indemnify such persons in the United Kingdom, as have omitted to qualify themselves for offices and employments, and for extending the time limited for certain of those purposes respectively, until the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and to permit such persons in Great Britain as have omitted to make and file affidavits of the execution of indentures of clerks to attorneys and solicitors, to make and file the same, on or before the first day of Hilary Term, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one; and to allow persons to make and file such affidavits, although the persons whom they served shall have neglected to take out their annual certificates.

An act to remedy certain inconveniences in local and exclusive jurisdictions.

An act for the better regulation of polls, and for making further provision touching the election of Members to serve in Parliament for Ireland.

An act to amend an act, made in the fifty-ninth year of this late Majesty, for making and maintaining certain turnpike roads within the county of Dumfries, and the other high-ways, bridges, and ferries therein, and for more effectually converting into money the statute labour in the said county. And several English, &c. acts, and one private act.

*The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Monday, February 28, 1820.*

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

WE are commanded by his Majesty to inform you, that it is a great disappointment to his Majesty, that on this first and solemn occasion he is prevented by indisposition from meeting you in person.

It would have been a consolation to his Majesty to give utterance in this place to those feelings with which his Majesty and the nation alike deplore the loss of a Sovereign the common father of all his people.

The King commands us to inform you, that in determining to call, without delay, the new Parliament, his Majesty has been influenced by the consideration of what is most expedient for public business, as well as most conducive to general convenience.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

We are directed by his Majesty to thank you for the provision which you have made for the several branches of the public service from the commencement of the present year, and during the interval which must elapse before a new Parliament can be assembled.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

We are commanded to inform you, that in taking leave of the present Parliament, his Majesty cannot refrain from conveying to you his warmest assurances of the sense which his Majesty entertains of the important services which you have rendered the country.

Deeply as his Majesty lamented that designs and practices such as those which you have been recently called upon to repress should have existed in this free and happy country, he cannot sufficiently commend the prudence and firmness with which you directed your attention to the means of counteracting them.

If any doubt had remained as to the nature of those principles by which the peace and happiness

of the nation were so seriously menaced, or of the excesses to which they were likely to lead, the flagrant and sanguinary conspiracy which has lately been detected must open the eyes of the most incredulous, and must vindicate to the whole world the justice and expediency of those measures to which you judged it necessary to resort, in defence of the laws and constitution of the kingdom.

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 commands, prorogue this Parliament to Monday the 13th day of March next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Monday the 13th day of March next.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

*For Dissolving the present Parliament, and Declaring the Calling of another.*

GEORGE, R.

Whereas we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament, which stands prorogued to Monday the thirteenth day of March next: We do, for that end, publish this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said Monday the thirteenth day of March next. And we being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our people, and to have their advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all our loving subjects our royal will

