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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Tuesday, February 4, 1823.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

We are commanded by his Majesty to inform you, that since he last met you in Parliament his Majesty's efforts have been unremittingly exerted to preserve the peace of Europe.

Faithful to the principles which his Majesty has promulgated to the world, as constituting the rule of his conduct, his Majesty declined being party to any proceedings at Verona, which could be deemed an interference in the internal concerns of Spain, on the part of Foreign Powers; and his Majesty has since used, and continues to use, his most anxious endeavours and good offices to allay the irritation unhappily subsisting between the French and Spanish Governments, and to avert, if possible, the calamity of war between France and Spain.

In the east of Europe, his Majesty flatters himself that peace will be preserved; and his Majesty continues to receive from his allies, and generally from other powers, assurances of their unaltered disposition to cultivate with his Majesty those friendly relations which it is equally his Majesty's object on his part to maintain.

We are further commanded to apprise you, that discussions having long been pending with the Court of Madrid, respecting depredations committed on the commerce of his Majesty's subjects in the West Indian Seas, and other grievances, of which his Majesty had been under the necessity of complaining, those discussions have terminated in an admission by the Spanish Government of the justice of his Majesty's complaints, and in an engagement for satisfactory reparation.

We are commanded to assure you, that his Majesty has not been unmindful of the addresses presented to him by the two Houses of Parliament with respect to the Foreign Slave Trade. Propositions for the more effectual suppression of that evil were brought forward by his Majesty's Plenipotentiary in the Conferences at Verona; and there have been added to the Treaties upon this subject already concluded between his Majesty and the Governments of Spain and the Netherlands, articles

which will extend the operation of those Treaties, and greatly facilitate their execution.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

His Majesty has directed the estimates of the current year to be laid before you. They have been framed with every attention to economy; and the total expenditure will be found to be materially below that of last year.

This diminution of charge, combined with the progressive improvement of the revenue, has produced a surplus exceeding his Majesty's expectation. His Majesty trusts, therefore, that you will be able, after providing for the services of the year, and without affecting public credit, to make a further considerable reduction in the burdens of his people.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

His Majesty has commanded us to state to you, that the manifestations of loyalty and attachment to his person and government, which his Majesty received in his late visit to Scotland, have made the deepest impression upon his heart.

The provision which you made in the last session of Parliament for the relief of the distresses in considerable districts in Ireland, has been productive of the happiest effects; and his Majesty recommends to your consideration, such measures of internal regulation as may be calculated to promote and secure the tranquillity of that country, and to improve the habits and condition of the people.

Deeply as his Majesty regrets the continued depression of the agricultural interest, the satisfaction with which his Majesty contemplates the increasing activity which pervades the manufacturing districts, and the flourishing condition of our commerce in most of its principal branches, is greatly enhanced by the confident persuasion that the progressive prosperity of so many of the interests of the country cannot fail to contribute to the gradual improvement of that great interest, which is the most important of them all.

WHITEHALL—JANUARY 31, 1823.

The King has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United

Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, granting to the Right Honourable Frederick John Robinson the offices of Chancellor and Under Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has also been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the said United Kingdom, granting to the Right Honourable William Huskisson the office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy.

DUCHY OF LANCASTER—JANUARY 31, 1823.

The King has been pleased to direct letters-patent to pass the Seals of his Majesty's Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster, for constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Nicholas Vansittart, Chancellor of the said Duchy and County Palatine, during his Majesty's pleasure.

WHITEHALL—FEBRUARY 7, 1823.

The King has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Robert Banks, Earl of Liverpool, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; the Right Honourable Frederick John Robinson; Berkeley Paget, Esq.; William Lowther, Esq. (commonly called Viscount Lowther); and Granville Charles Henry Somerset, Esq. (commonly called Lord Granville Charles Henry Somerset); and also the Right Honourable John Maxwell Barry and Edmund Alexander M'Naghten, Esq. to be Commissioners for executing the offices of Treasurer of the Exchequer of Great Britain and Lord High Treasurer of Ireland.

The King has also been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the said United Kingdom, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable Charles Watkin Williams Wynn; Henry Earl Bathurst, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, the Right Honourable George Canning, the Right Honourable Robert Peel, his Majesty's three Principal Secretaries of State (or his Majesty's three Principal Secretaries of State for

Price Sevenpence.