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ST. JAMES'S-PALACE, October 20, 1831.

THIS day His Majesty proceeded in State from St. James's-Palace to the House of Peers, where he arrived about a quarter past two o'clock; and, having alighted from the state coach, was received at the portico by the Great Officers of State and others, and proceeded to the robing-room in the customary manner.

His Majesty was there robed, and having put on the imperial crown, the procession moved into the House in the usual order.

His Majesty being seated upon the Throne, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt, Knt. 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 come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I AM at length enabled to put an end to a session of unexampled duration and labour, in which matters of the deepest interest have been brought under your consideration.

I have felt sincere satisfaction in confirming, by My Royal Assent, Bills for the amendment of the Game Laws, and for the reduction of taxes which pressed heavily on the industry of My people; and I have observed with no less pleasure the commencement of important improvements in the Law

of Bankruptcy, from which the most beneficial effects may be expected.

I continue to receive the most gratifying proofs of the friendly disposition of Foreign Powers.

The Conference assembled in London has at length terminated its difficult and laborious discussions, by an arrangement unanimously agreed upon by the Plenipotentiaries of the Five Powers for the separation of the States of Holland and Belgium, on terms by which the interests of both, together with the future security of other Countries, have been carefully provided for.

A Treaty, founded on this arrangement, has been presented to the Dutch and Belgian Plenipotentiaries; and I trust that its acceptance by their respective Courts, which I anxiously expect, will avert the dangers by which the peace of Europe was threatened whilst this question remained unsettled.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the provision made for the future dignity and comfort of My Royal Consort, in the event of Her surviving Me, and for the supplies which you have granted for the service of the present year. You may be assured of My anxious care to have them administered with the strictest attention to a well-considered economy.

The state of Europe has made it necessary to incur, in the various establishments of the public service, an increased expenditure, which it will be My earnest desire to reduce, whenever it can be done with safety to the interests of the country. In the meantime I have the satisfaction of reflecting that these demands have been provided for

without any material addition to the public burdens.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

In the interval of repose which may now be afforded you, I am sure it is unnecessary for me to recommend to you the most careful attention to the preservation of tranquillity in your respective counties. The anxiety which has been so generally manifested by My People for the accomplishment of a Constitutional Reform in the Commons House of Parliament, will, I trust, be regulated by a due sense of the necessity of order and moderation in their proceedings.

To the consideration of this important question the attention of Parliament must necessarily again be called at the opening of the ensuing session; and you may be assured of My unaltered desire to promote its settlement, by such improvements in the representation as may be found necessary for securing to My people the full enjoyment of their rights, which, in combination with those of the other orders of the State, are essential to the support of our free Constitution.

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

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It is his Majesty's royal will and pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the twenty-second day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the twenty-second day of November next.