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FROM *FRIDAY*, JULY 21, TO *TUESDAY*, JULY 25, 1797.

WESTMINSTER, JULY 19, 1797.

This day thirty four public, and eighteen private bills received the Royal Assent by commission; among which are—the Scotch Militia Bill—the Scotch Distillery Bill—House Duty—Stamp Deed Duty—Clock and Watch—Horse, and Male Servants Duties Bills. The Bill to shorten the time now required for giving notice of his Majesty's intention to convene Parliament. The Slave Ship Regulation Bill, the Fife Road Bill, the Corn Exportation Bill, &c. &c.

WESTMINSTER, JULY 20.

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 Molyneux, 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 give the Royal Assent to eleven public bills, and one private, among which are; the act enabling the Scotch Bank to issue small notes; the act disabling Officers of the Excise and Customs to vote at Elections in Scotland; the East India Judicature Bills; the Legacy Duty Bill, &c. &c.

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

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I cannot put an end to this Session of Parliament without returning you my most sincere

and cordial thanks for the assiduity and zeal with which you have applied yourselves to the important objects which have required your attention, and for the wisdom and firmness which you have manifested in the new and difficult emergencies for which you have had to provide.

I must particularly express the just sense I entertain of the salutary and effectual provisions which you have made for strengthening the means of national defence, and the measures adopted for obviating the inconveniences which were to be apprehended to credit from the temporary suspension of payments in cash by the Bank; as well as of the promptitude, vigour, and effect, with which you have afforded me your assistance and support in suppressing the daring and treasonable mutiny which broke out in a part of my fleet, and in counteracting so dangerous and pernicious an example.

I have the satisfaction to acquaint you, that since the accession of the present Emperor of Russia, the commercial engagements between the two countries have been renewed in such a manner as will, I doubt not, materially conduce to their mutual interests.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must return you my particular thanks for the liberal and extensive provision which you have made for the various exigencies of the public service; and, while I lament the necessity which increased them to so large an amount, it is a consolation to me to observe the attention you have employed in distributing the heavy burdens which

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