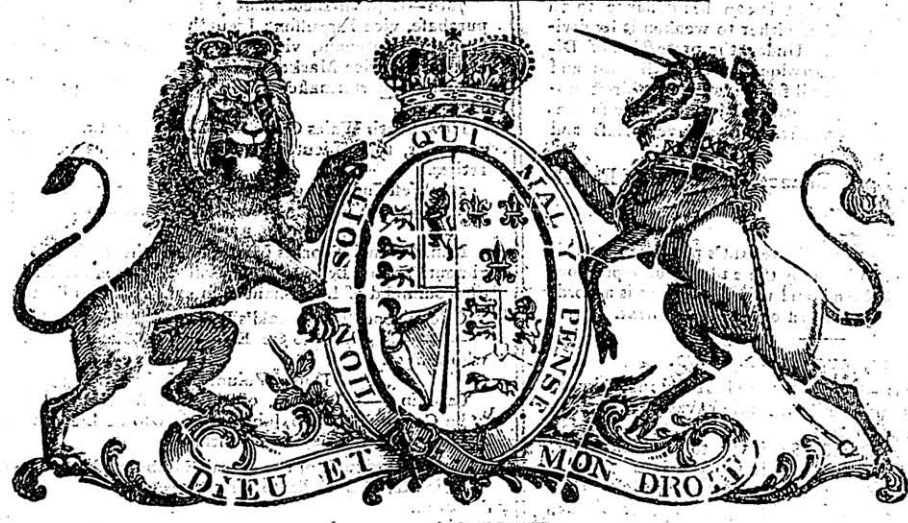


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This day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in state to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual solemnity, Bryan Connor, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a message from his Excellency to the House of Commons; signifying his pleasure that they should immediately attend his Excellency in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, his Excellency delivered the following Speech from the Throne:—

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The whole business of this important Session being at length happily concluded, it is with the most sincere satisfaction that I communicate to you, by his Majesty's express command, his warmest acknowledgments for that ardent zeal and unshaken perseverance which you have so conspicuously manifested in maturing and completing the great measure of a Legislative Union between this kingdom and Great Britain.

The proofs you have given on this occasion of your uniform attachment to the real welfare of your country, inseparably connected with the security and prosperity of the Empire at large, not only entitle you to the full approbation of your Sovereign and the applause of your fellow-subjects, but must afford you the surest claim to the gratitude of posterity.

You will regret with his Majesty, the reverse which his Majesty's allies have experienced on the Continent; but his Majesty is persuaded that the firmness and public spirit of his subjects, will enable him to persevere in that line of conduct which will best provide for the honour and the essential interests of his dominions, whose means and resources have now by your wisdom been more closely and intimately combined.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am to thank you in his Majesty's name for the liberal supplies which you have cheerfully granted for the various and important branches of the public service in the present year.

His Majesty has also witnessed with pleasure that wise liberality which will enable him to make a just and equitable retribution to those bodies and individuals, whose privileges

and interests are affected by the Union; and he has also seen with satisfaction that attention to the internal prosperity of this country, which has been so conspicuously testified by the encouragement you have given to the improvement and extension of its inland navigation.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have the happiness to acquaint you, that the country in general has in a great measure returned to its former state of tranquillity. If in some districts a spirit of plunder and disaffection still exists, these disorders, I believe, will prove to be merely local, and will, I doubt not, be soon effectually terminated.

The pressure of scarcity on the poorer classes, much relieved by private generosity; and by the salutary provisions of the Legislature, has been long and unusually severe; but, I trust that, under the favour of Providence, we may draw a pleasing prospect of future plenty from the present appearance of the harvest.

I am persuaded that the great measure which is now accomplished, could never have been effected but by a decided conviction on your part that it would tend to restore and preserve the tranquillity of this country, to increase its commerce and manufactures, to perpetuate its connection with Great Britain, and to augment the resources of the Empire.

You will not fail to impress these sentiments on the minds of your fellow-subjects; you will encourage and improve that just confidence which they have manifested in the result of your deliberations on this arduous question; above all, you will be studious to inculcate the full conviction, that united with the people of Great Britain into one kingdom; governed by the same Sovereign, protected by the same laws, and represented in the same legislature, nothing will be wanting on their part but a spirit of industry and order, to insure to them the full advantages under which the people of Great Britain have enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity, security, and freedom, than has ever yet been experienced by any other nation.

I cannot conclude without offering to you, and to the nation at large, my personal congratulations on the accomplishment of this great work, which has received the sanction and concurrence of our Sovereign on that auspicious day which placed his Illustrious Family on the Throne of these Realms. The Empire is now, through your exertions, so completely united,

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