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Westminster, January 21.

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 make the following most gracious Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT gives Me much Satisfaction, that nothing in the Situation of Our Affairs, either Foreign or Domestick, has obliged Me to require your Attendance earlier than might have been consistent with your private Convenience; and that now you are met together, you will find yourselves at Liberty to give your whole Attention to the Establishment of wise and useful Regulations of Law, and to the Extension of Our Commercial Advantages.

The Performance of the Engagement of the King of Spain, in the Restitution of Port Egmont and Falkland's Island, and the repeated Assurances I have received of the pacifick Disposition of the Court, as well as of other Powers, promise to the Subjects the Continuance of Peace; and We may, with the greater Confidence, hope, that We shall not be disturbed in the Enjoyment of this Blessing as there is no Reason to apprehend that We shall become involved in the Troubles which still unhappily prevail in one Part of Europe.

The Danger of the farther Spreading of the infectious Sickness in Europe is, I trust, very much abated. But I must recommend it to you not to suffer Our Happiness, in having been hitherto preserved from so dreadful a Calamity, to lessen your Vigilance in the Use of every reasonable Precaution for Our Safety.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Estimates for the Service of the current Year to be laid before you. I make no Doubt but you will see the Propriety of maintaining a respectable Establishment of My Naval Forces: I am pleased, however, to find, that I shall be under no Necessity of asking of you, at this Time, any extraordinary Aid.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Concerns of this Country are so various and extensive, as to require the most vigilant and active Attention; and some of them, as well from Re-

moteness of Place, as from other Circumstances, are so peculiarly liable to Abuses, and exposed to Danger, that the Interposition of the Legislature for their Protection may become necessary. If in any such Instances, either for supplying Defects, or remedying Abuses, you shall find it requisite to provide any new Laws, you may depend upon My ready Concurrence in whatever may best contribute to the Attainment of those salutary Ends.

Naples, December 17. Her Sicilian Majesty's Anniversary was declared on Friday last the 11th Instant, and was celebrated that Day, and the two following, by Games at Court, Illuminations, and other Demonstrations of Public Joy. On Saturday Morning Te Deum was sung in the King's Chapel, at which their Majesties were privately present; and in the Afternoon their Majesties proceeded in solemn Procession to the Shrine of St. Januarius. The next Day there was a Baciamano in the Morning, when their Majesties received the Compliments of the Foreign Ministers, Officers of State, and principal Nobility; and the whole concluded the same Evening with an Opera in the Great Theatre, which was illuminated on the Occasion.

Vienna, January 1. This being New Year's Day, the Court was in Grand Gala, and their Imperial Majesties, in the Morning, received the Compliments of the Ambassadors, Foreign Ministers, and principal Nobility. About Nine o'Clock, the Companies of the German and Hungarian Noble Guards, in their grand Uniform, with their Officers at their Head, repaired to the Great Square of the Palace, where they were drawn up before their Imperial Majesties Apartments, and afterwards dismounting, they had the Honour of kissing their Majesties Hands. The Foot Guards also passed before their Majesties with their Officers at their Head.

The Great Officers of the Court (except the Grand Master and Great Chamberlain, whose Offices required their Attendance on the Person of their Sovereign) went in their Carriages to the Palace, preceded by all the Persons under their Departments, on Foot; only the Master of the Horse went on Horseback, preceded by his Livery Servants and all those of the Court, as also by the Equerries, Pages, &c. and followed by Twelve Horses richly caparisoned, each led by Two Grooms.

About Eleven o'Clock the Emperor, the Empress Queen, and their Royal Highnesses the Archduke and the Archduchesses, as also the Duke of Saxe Teschen, preceded by the whole Court, went to the Great Chapel, to attend Divine Service; after which

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