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Westminster, November 26.

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, Knight, 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,

I HAVE called you together in a Conjunction which demands your most serious Attention.

In the Time of profound Peace, without Presence of Provocation or Colour of Complaint, the Court of France hath not forborne to disturb the Public Tranquillity, in Violation of the Faith of Treaties, and the general Rights of Sovereigns : At first, by the clandestine Supply of Arms and other Aid to My revolted Subjects in North America; afterwards, by avowing openly their Support, and entering into formal Engagements with the Leaders of the Rebellion; and, at length, by committing open Hostilities and Depredations on My faithful Subjects, and by an actual Invasion of My Dominions in America and the West Indies.

It is, I trust; unnecessary for Me to assure you, that the same Care and Concern for the Happiness of My People, which induced Me to endeavour to prevent the Calamities of War, will make Me desirous to see a Restoration of the Blessings of Peace, whenever it can be effected with perfect Honour, and with Security to the Rights of this Country.

In the mean Time, I have not neglected to take the proper and necessary Measures for disappointing the malignant Designs of Our Enemies, and also for making general Reprisals; and although My Efforts have not been attended with all the Success, which the Justice of Our Cause, and the Vigour of Our Exertions, seem'd to promise; yet the extensive Commerce of My Subjects has been protected in most of its Branches, and large Reprisals have been made upon the injurious Aggressors by the Vigilance of My Fleets, and by the active and enterprising Spirit of My People.

The great Armaments of other Powers, however friendly and sincere their Professions, however just and honourable their Purposes, must necessarily engage Our Attention.

It would have afforded Me very great Satisfaction to have inform'd you, that the conciliatory Measures, planned by the Wisdom and Temper of Parliament, had taken the desired Effect, and brought the Troubles in North America to a happy Conclusion.

In this Situation of Affairs, the National Honour and Security call so loudly upon Us for the most active Exertions, that I cannot doubt of your

heartiest Concurrence and Support. From the Vigour of your Councils, and the Conduct and Intrepidity of My Officers and Forces by Sea and Land, I hope, under the Blessing of God, to derive the Means of vindicating and maintaining the Honour of My Crown, and the Interests of My People, against all Our Enemies.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I will order the proper Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year to be laid before you; and when you consider the Importance of the Objects for which We are contending, you will, I doubt not, grant Me such Supplies as you shall judge necessary for the Public Service, and adequate to the present Emergency.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have, according to the Powers vested in Me for that Purpose, called forth the Militia, to assist in the interior Defence of this Country; and I have, with the greatest and truest Satisfaction, been Myself a Witness of that public Spirit, that steady Ardour, and that Love of their Country, which animate and unite all Ranks of My faithful Subjects, and which cannot fail of making Us safe at Home, and respected Abroad.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 27th of November, 1778,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in His Privy Council.

WHEREAS William Davidson in Turnberry, John M'Rorie Innkeeper in Kirkcaldy, John M'Taggart the Younger in Craigmarton, Robert Graham in Dougaldston, David Davidson in Bogside, Douglas Davidson in Bogside, Robert Graham the Younger in Dalquhat, Hugh M'Kail late Servant to the Reverend Mr. Biggar Minister at Kirkcaldy, William Hector in Drumgourloch, John Brown in Slabrachan, William Ferguson in Drumgourloch, Robert Breakenridge in M'Causton, and Thomas Ferguson the Younger in Balkenna, in the County of Air in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, were, upon the Fourteenth Day of November instant, charged, by Information of two credible Persons, upon Oath by them subscribed, before the Right Honourable Thomas Miller, Esquire, Lord Justice Clerk in Scotland, with having been guilty, upon the Twenty-seventh Day of January, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, of being, with several other Persons, most of them armed with Fire-arms, and disguis'd, and being so assembled on Markland Muir, in the Parish of Kirkcaldy aforesaid, in order to be aiding and assisting in rescuing and taking away, after Seizure, uncultivated Goods which had been seized by the Officers of Excise, and also with having been guilty of rescuing and taking away, after Seizure, the said uncultivated Goods;

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