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Westminster, March 10.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Sir Francis Moynaux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by Virtue of His Majesty's Commission, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the Lord Chancellor made the following Speech to both Houses.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

HIS Majesty not thinking fit to be present here this Day in His Royal Person, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under His Great Seal, authorizing and commanding the Commissioners who are appointed by former Letters Patent to hold this Parliament, to open and declare certain further Causes for holding the same: Which Commission you will now hear read.

And the same being read accordingly, the Lord Chancellor then said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IN Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, and by Virtue of both Commissions already mentioned to you, (one of which has now been read) we proceed to lay before you such further Matters as His Majesty has judged proper to be now communicated to His Parliament.

His Majesty being, by the Blessing of Providence, happily recovered from the severe Indisposition with which He has been afflicted; and being enabled to attend to the Public Affairs of His Kingdoms, has commanded us to convey to you His warmest Acknowledgements for the additional Proofs which you have given of your affectionate Attachment to His Person, and of your zealous Concern for the Honour and Interests of His Crown, and the Security and good Government of His Dominions.

The Interruption which has necessarily been occasioned to the Public Business will, His Majesty doubts not, afford you an additional Incitement to apply yourselves, with as little Delay as possible, to

the different Objects of National Concern which require your Attention.

His Majesty has likewise ordered us to acquaint you that, since the Close of the last Session, He has concluded a Treaty of Defensive Alliance with His Good Brother the King of Prussia, Copies of which will be laid before you: That His Majesty's Endeavours were employed, during the last Summer, in Conjunction with His Allies, in order to prevent, as much as possible, the Extension of Hostilities in the North, and to manifest His Desire of effecting a General Pacification: That no Opportunity will be neglected, on His Part, to promote this salutary Object; and that He has, in the mean Time, the Satisfaction of receiving, from all Foreign Courts, continued Assurances of their friendly Dispositions to this Country.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We are commanded by His Majesty to acquaint you, that the Estimates for the current Year will forthwith be laid before you; and that He is persuaded of your Readiness to make the necessary Provisions for the several Branches of the Public Service.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

We have it particularly in Charge from His Majesty to assure you, that you cannot so effectually meet the most earnest Wish of His Majesty's Heart, as by persevering in your uniform Exertions for the Public Welfare, and by improving every Occasion to promote the Prosperity of His Faithful People, from whom His Majesty has received such repeated and affecting Marks of invariable Zeal, Loyalty and Attachment, and whose Happiness He must ever consider as inseparable from His own.

Whitehall, March 10.

The King has been pleased to present the Reverend John Garlies Maitland to the Church and Parish of Monnigoff, in the Presbitery of Wigtoun and Stewartry of Kircubright, vacant by the Death of the Reverend Ebenezer Stott.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 10, 1789.

Notice is hereby given, that the Queen will have a Drawing-Room at St. James's, on Thursday the 26th Instant.