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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,

SINCE I last met you in Parliament, the Continuance of the War on the Continent, and the internal Situation of different Parts of Europe, have been productive of Events which have engaged My most serious Attention.

While I see with a just Concern the Interruption of the Tranquillity of other Countries, I have at the same Time great Satisfaction in being able to acquaint you, that I receive continued Assurances of the good Disposition of all Foreign Powers towards these Kingdoms; and I am persuaded that you will entertain with Me a deep and grateful Sense of the Favour of Providence in continuing to My Subjects the increasing Advantages of Peace, and the uninterrupted Enjoyment of those invaluable Blessings which they have so long derived from Our excellent Constitution.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have given Directions that the Estimates for the present Year should be laid before you; and I rely on your Readiness to grant such Supplies as the Circumstances of the several Branches of the Publick Service may be found to require.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Regulations prescribed by the Act of the last Session of Parliament relative to the Corn Trade, not having been duly carried into Effect in several Parts of the Kingdom, there appeared Reason to apprehend that such an Exportation of Corn might take place, and such Difficulties occur in the Importation of Foreign Corn, as would have been productive of the most serious Inconvenience to My Subjects: Under these Circumstances it appeared indispensably necessary to take immediate Measures for preventing the Exportation and facilitating the Importation of certain Sorts of Corn; and I therefore, by the Advice of My Privy Council, issued an Order for that Purpose, a Copy of which I have directed to be laid before you.

I have only further to desire, that you will continue to apply yourselves to those Objects which may require your Attention, with the same Zeal for the Publick Service which has hitherto appeared in all your Proceedings, and of which the Effects have been so happily manifested in the Encrease of the Publick Revenue,

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