

LENT PREACHERS appointed to preach at His Majesty's Chapel at Whitehall, on Wednesdays and Fridays, for the Year 1800.

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| Feb. 26 | Ash Wednesday, | Dean of Chester, Dr. Cotton. |
| | 28 Friday, | Dr. Majendie. |
| March 5 | Wednesday, | Mr. D'Oyly. |
| | 7 Friday, | Dr. Dechair. |
| | 12 Wednesday, | Mr. Fountain. |
| | 14 Friday, | Dr. Rhudde. |
| | 19 Wednesday, | Mr. Nugent. |
| | 21 Friday, | Dr. Strachey. |
| | 26 Wednesday, | Hon. and Rev. Dr. Grimston. |
| | 28 Friday, | Dr. Burton. |
| April 2 | Wednesday, | Mr. Keyfall. |
| | 4 Friday, | Dr. Taylor. |
| | 9 Wednesday, | Dr. Langford. |
| | 11 Good Friday, | Dean of Salisbury, Dr. Ekins. |

SALISBURY.

Dublin-Castle, January 15, 1800.

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, the Gentleman 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 made the following Speech:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have received His Majesty's Commands to assemble you in Parliament.

Upon a Review of the important and glorious Events that have distinguished the Period which has elapsed since I last addressed you, the most gratifying and encouraging Reflections present themselves to our Consideration.

By the brilliant Course of Victories, achieved by the Combined Imperial Armies, the various Kingdoms and States of Italy have been delivered from the Ravages and the Tyranny of the French.

The Throne of Naples, and our friendly Connection with that Kingdom have been restored.

The French Expedition to Egypt has been checked in its Career by the Exertions of the Turkish Arms, assisted by a small Detachment of His Majesty's Forces, and the Gallantry of their heroic Commander.

The hostile Plans of the common Enemy in India have terminated in the total Destruction of the Power which had been misused by their Artifices; and, through the timely, vigorous, and decisive Counsels of the Marquis Wellesley, and the consummate Skill and Valour of His Majesty's Generals, Officers, and Troops, the British Possessions in that Quarter of the Globe have been beneficially extended and effectually secured.

By the Descent of His Majesty's Forces and of his Russian Allies on the Coast of Holland, the Dutch Fleet has been happily rescued from the

Power of the Enemy; and although the Season, peculiarly unfavorable to Military Operations, produced the Necessity of relinquishing an Enterprize so fortunately began, and prevented the complete Accomplishment of His Majesty's Views, yet the Result of that Expedition has been peculiarly beneficial to this Kingdom, in removing all Fear of Attack on our Coasts from a Quarter whence it had been so often planned, and in enabling His Majesty's Fleet to direct their Vigilance exclusively to the single Port from whence the Enemy can attack this Country with any Hope even of a temporary Success.

My utmost Care has been exerted to carry into Execution the extraordinary Powers which you have committed to my Discretion with Vigour, and at the same Time with Moderation. All Tendency to Insurrection has been effectually repressed; but it gives me true Concern to acquaint you, that the painful Necessity of acting with Severity has been too frequently imposed upon me; and although public Tranquillity has been in a great Measure restored, yet I have to lament that a Disposition to Outrage and Conspiracy still continues in several Districts; that much Industry is used to keep alive the Spirit of Disaffection, and to encourage among the lower Classes the Hopes of French Assistance.

I trust that the recent Revolution in France cannot fail to open the Eyes of such of His Majesty's Subjects as have been deluded by the Artifices which have been unremittingly employed to withdraw them from their Allegiance; and that it will restore and increase the Love of Constitutional Order and of regulated Freedom, by demonstrating that the Principles of false Liberty tend ultimately to Despotism, and that the criminal Struggles of democratic Factions naturally close in Military Usurpation.

So long as the French Government, under whatever Form it exerts its Influence, shall persevere in the Schemes of Destruction and Projects of Ambition, subversive at once of the Liberties of Europe and the Security of His Majesty's Dominions, there can be no wise Alternative but to prosecute the War with increasing Energy. It is by great Exertions alone that either their Views of Aggrandisement can be frustrated, or a solid Peace procured. His Majesty has therefore availed himself, with peculiar Satisfaction, of the cordial and great Assistance which has been afforded him by his faithful Ally the Emperor of Russia, and has thought right to make every Exertion for augmenting the disposable Military Force of his own Dominions: His Majesty, therefore, has been highly gratified in accepting the Services so generally offered by the English Militia; and I am to express to you the entire Confidence which His Majesty feels, that the Zeal and Loyalty of his Militia of this Kingdom, in forwarding, at this important Crisis, the active Operations of the Empire, will not be less prompt and conspicuous.

The Apprehension of General Scarcity, which some Time since took place, called for my early Attention to that most important Subject; and I was induced, with the Advice of the Council, to offer Premiums for the early Importation of Grain. This Measure will, I flatter myself, meet your Approbation; and I have full Confidence in your Wis-