

standing; provided such Ships and Vessels shall have sailed from the Ports in the States of Pennsylvania or New York, subsequent to the Third Day of November last, and that none of the Crew or other Persons on board shall have died, or been sick with the said Fever, during the Course of the Voyage: And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Lieutenant-General, and the Rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors or Commanders in Chief for the Time being of the said respective Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Faaukener.

The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday, January 21, 1806.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IN pursuance of the Authority given to us by His Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, amongst other Things, to declare the Cause of His holding this Parliament, His Majesty has directed us particularly to call your Attention to the most decisive Success with which Providence has vouchsafed to bless His Majesty's Arms at Sea, since you were last assembled in Parliament.

The Activity and Perseverance of His Majesty's Fleets have been conspicuously displayed in the Pursuit and Attack of the different Squadrons of the Enemy, and every Encounter has terminated to the Honour of the British Flag and the Diminution of the Naval Force of the Powers with whom His Majesty is at War; but the Victory obtained over the Combined Fleet of France and Spain off Cape Trafalgar has manifested, beyond any Exploit recorded even in the Annals of the British Navy, the Skill and Enterprize of His Majesty's Officers and Seamen; and the Destruction of so large a Proportion of the Naval Strength of the Enemy has not only confirmed, in the most signal Manner, the Maritime Superiority of this Country, but has essentially contributed to the Security of His Majesty's Dominions.

His Majesty most deeply regrets that the Day of that memorable Triumph should have been unhappily clouded by the Fall of the heroic Commander under whom it was achieved: And He is persuaded that you will feel that this lamented but glorious Termination of a Series of transcendent Exploits claims a distinguished Expression of the lasting Gratitude of the Country; and that you will therefore cheerfully concur in enabling His Majesty to annex to those Honours which he has conferred on the Family of the late Lord Viscount Nelson, such a Mark of national Munificence, as may preserve to the latest

Posterity the Memory of his Name and Services, and the Benefit of his great Example.

His Majesty has commanded us further to inform you, that, whilst the Superiority of His Arms at Sea has been thus uniformly asserted and maintained, He has not been wanting in His Endeavours to apply the Means, which were so liberally placed at His Disposal, in Aid of such of the Powers of the Continent as evinced a Determination to resist the formidable and growing Encroachments of France. He has directed the several Treaties entered into for this Purpose to be laid before you; and, though he cannot but deeply lament that the Events of the War in Germany have disappointed His Hopes, and led to an unfavourable Issue, yet His Majesty feels confident, that, upon a Review of the Steps which He has taken, you will be of Opinion, that He has left nothing undone on His Part to sustain the Efforts of His Allies, and that He has acted in strict Consonance to the Principles declared by Him, and recognized by Parliament as essential to the Interest and Security of His own Dominions, as well as to the general Safety of the Continent.

It is a great Consolation to His Majesty, and one in which he is persuaded you will participate, that although the Emperor of Germany has felt himself compelled to withdraw from the Contest, His Majesty continues to receive from His august Ally the Emperor of Russia, the strongest Assurances of unshaken Adherence to that generous and enlightened Policy by which he has hitherto been actuated; and His Majesty has no Doubt that you will be fully sensible of the important Advantages to be derived from preserving at all Times the closest and most intimate Connection with that Sovereign.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

His Majesty has directed the Estimates for the Year to be laid before you, and He has commanded us to assure you that they are framed upon that Scale of Exertion which the present Situation of the Country renders indispensable. His Majesty fully relies upon your granting Him such Supplies as, upon due Deliberation, the public Exigencies may appear to require. It is His earnest Wish to contribute, by every Means in His Power, to alleviate the additional Burthens which must necessarily be imposed upon His People, and with this View He has directed the Sum of One Million Sterling, Part of the Proceeds arising from the Sale of such Prizes made on the Powers with which He is at War, as are by Law vested in the Crown, to be applied to the public Service of the Year.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

His Majesty is most fully persuaded, that whatever Pride and Confidence you may feel in common with Him, in the Success which has distinguished the British Arms, in the Course of the present Contest, you will be sensible how much the Events of the War on the Continent, by which the predominant

