

thorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honorable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for granting certain Duties on Worts or Wash made from Sugar during the Prohibition of Distillation from Corn or Grain in Great Britain.

An Act concerning the Administration of Justice in Scotland, and concerning Appeals to the House of Lords.

An Act for enabling His Majesty to establish a permanent Local Militia Force in Scotland under certain Restrictions, for the Defence of the Realm.

An Act to prevent the Right of Presentation to the Rectory and Parish Church of Simonburn, in the County of Northumberland, from lapsing for a limited Time.

And One Private Act.

*The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Monday, July 4, 1808.*

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

WE have it in Command from His Majesty to express to you the great Satisfaction which He derives from being enabled, by putting an End to the present Session of Parliament, to terminate the laborious Attendance which the public Business has required of you.

The Measure which you have adopted for the Improvement of the Military Force of the Country, promises to lay the Foundation of a System of internal Defence eminently useful, and peculiarly adapted to the Exigencies of these Times.

The Sanction which you have given to those Measures of defensive Retaliation, to which the violent Attacks of the Enemy upon the Commerce and Resources, of this Kingdom compelled His Majesty to resort, has been highly satisfactory to His Majesty. His Majesty doubts not that in the Result the Enemy will be convinced of the Impolicy of persevering in a System which retorts upon himself, in so much greater Proportion, those Evils which he endeavours to inflict upon this Country.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

We are commanded by His Majesty to return His most hearty Acknowledgements for the Cheerfulness and Liberality with which the necessary Supplies for the current Year have been provided. His Majesty directs us to assure you, that He participates in the Satisfaction with which you must have contemplated the flourishing Situation of the Revenue and Credit of the Country, notwithstanding the continued Prefecture of the War: and He congratulates you upon

having been enabled to provide for the Exigencies of the public Service with so small an Addition to the public Burthens.

His Majesty commands us to thank you for having enabled Him to make good His Engagements with His Allies; and to express to you the particular Gratification which He has derived from the Manner in which you have provided for the Establishment of His Sister Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Brunswick.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

His Majesty has great Satisfaction in informing you, that, notwithstanding the formidable Confederacy united against His Ally the King of Sweden, that Sovereign perseveres with unabated Vigour and Constancy to maintain the Honour and Independence of His Crown: No Effort has been wanting on the Part of His Majesty to support Him in the arduous Contest in which He is engaged.

The recent Transactions in Spain and Italy have exhibited new and striking Proofs of the unbounded and unprincipled Ambition which actuates the Common Enemy of every established Government and independent Nation in the World.

His Majesty views with the liveliest Interest the loyal and determined Spirit manifested by the Spanish Nation, in resisting the Violence and Perfidy with which their dearest Rights have been assailed.

Thus nobly struggling against the Tyranny and Usurpation of France, the Spanish Nation can no longer be considered as the Enemy of Great Britain, but is recognized by His Majesty as a natural Friend and Ally.

We are commanded to inform you, that Communications have been made to His Majesty from several of the Provinces of Spain, soliciting the Aid of His Majesty. The Answer of His Majesty to these Communications has been received in Spain with every Demonstration of those Sentiments of Confidence and Affection which are congenial to the Feelings and true Interests of both Nations. And His Majesty commands us to assure you that He will continue to make every Exertion in His Power for the Support of the Spanish Cause, guided in the Choice and in the Direction of His Exertions, by the Wishes of those in whose Behalf they are employed.

In contributing to the Success of this just and glorious Cause, His Majesty has no other Object than that of preserving unimpaired the Integrity and Independence of the Spanish Monarchy:

But He trusts that the same Efforts which are directed to that great Object, may, under the Blessing of Divine Providence, lead, in their Effects and by their Example, to the Restoration of the Liberties and the Peace of Europe.