

which remained in the Possession of the Dutch, has deprived His Majesty's Enemies of every Port in those Seas from which the Interests of His Majesty, or the Commerce of His Subjects, can be molested.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

His Majesty has commanded us to thank you for the liberal and ample Supplies which you have granted for the Services of the present Year.

His Majesty deeply regrets the necessary Extent of the Demands which those Services have created; but we are commanded to express to you the Consolation which He has derived from observing that the Resources of the Country, manifesting themselves by every Mark of Prosperity, by a Revenue increasing in almost all its Branches, and by a Commerce extending itself in new Channels, and with an increased Vigour in Proportion as the Enemy has in vain attempted to destroy it, have enabled you to provide for the Expences of the Year, without imposing the Burden of any New Taxation in Great Britain; and that, while the Taxes which have been necessarily resorted to for Ireland, have been imposed upon Articles which will not interfere with the growing Prosperity of that Country, you have found it consistent with a due Regard to its Finances to diminish some of those Burdens, and relax some of those Regulations of Revenue, which had been felt the most inconvenient in that Part of the United Kingdom.

His Majesty further commands us to return you His Thanks for the Provision which you have enabled Him to make for the Establishment of His Serene Highness the Duke of Brunswick.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

His Majesty has directed us to acquaint you, that Portugal, rescued from the Oppression of the Enemy, by the powerful Assistance of His Majesty's Arms; has exerted Himself with Vigour and Energy in making every Preparation for repelling, with the continued Aid of His Majesty's Force, any renewed Attack on the Part of the Enemy, and that in Spain, notwithstanding the Reverses which have been experienced, the Spirit of Resistance against France still continues unsubdued and unabated: And His Majesty commands us to assure you of His firm and unaltered Conviction, that not only the Honour of His Throne, but the best Interests of His Dominions, require His most strenuous and persevering Assistance to the glorious Efforts of those loyal Nations.

His Majesty has commanded us to recommend to you, upon your Return to your respective Counties, to use your best Exertions to promote that Spirit of Order and Obedience to the Laws, and that general Concord amongst all Classes of His Majesty's Subjects, which can alone give full Effect to His Majesty's paternal Care for the Welfare and Happiness of His People. His Majesty has the fullest Re-

liance upon the Affections of His Subjects, whose Loyalty and Attachment have hitherto supported Him through that long and eventful Period, during which it has pleased Divine Providence to commit the Interests of these Dominions to His Charge. His Majesty feels that the Preservation of domestic Peace and Tranquillity, under the Protection of the Law, and in Obedience to its Authority, is amongst the most important Duties which He owes to His People.

His Majesty commands us to assure you that He will not be wanting in the Discharge of that Duty; and His Majesty will always rely with Confidence on the continued Support of His loyal Subjects, to enable Him to resist with Success the Designs of Foreign Enemies, and to transmit unimpaired to Posterity the Blessings of the British Constitution.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read. After which the Lord Chancellor said;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

*BY Virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name, and in Obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the Twenty-first Day of August next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-first Day of August next.*

*Downing-Street, June 21, 1810.*

DISPATCHES have been received at the Office of the Earl of Liverpool; from Lieutenant-General Sir John Stuart, dated Messina, 24th April 1810, transmitting the Copy of a Dispatch and Enclosure from Brigadier-General Oswald, of which the following are Copies.

*Head Quarters, Camp, before St. Maura,*

S I R, *March 24, 1810.*

I HAVE the honour to report to your Excellency, that the Troops, with the Naval Forces under the Orders of Captain Eyre, of His Majesty's Ship *Magnificent*, as per Margin\*, sailed from Zante on the Morning of the 21st, and reached the Island of St. Maura the same Evening. Early the next Day, the Army disembarked to the Southward of the Town. The Enemy retiring from the Batteries, on the Approach of His Majesty's Ship *Imogene* and Gunboats, the Troops immediately moved forward. Lieutenant-Colonel Lowe, commanding the Advance, a Portion of which (Greek Light Infantry), under Major Church, was kept upon the Flank, and drove a Party of Albanians from the adjacent Heights. The Town was found to be evacuated; General Camus having with his whole Forces (amounting to above One Thousand Men) retired into the Fortrefs and strong Fieldworks contiguous thereto; at the same Time acquainting the Civil Administration with his Inability any longer to protect them.

The Fortrefs of St. Maura is situated upon a nar-

\* *Magnificent, Belle Peule, and Imogene.*