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St. James's, November 30, 1812.

HIS day His Royal Highness the Prince Regent proceeded in state from St. James's Palace to the House of Lords, where he arrived at a quarter before two o'clock; and having alighted from the state coach, he was received at the Portico by the Great Officers and others, and proceeding to the Robing Room in the usual manner, His Royal Highness was there robed, his hat on his head, and the procession moved into the House in the following order:

Officers of the Household.

Pursulvants.

Heralds.

Peers.

Norroy, King of Arms.
The Lord Privy Seal.

The Lord President of the Council.

Black Rod.
The Earl Marshal with his Staff.
The Coronet of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, borne by the Earl of Yarmouth.

The Lord Chancellor.

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Garter.
The Deputy Lord
Great Chamberlain.

His Majesty's Ecrown, borne by Earl Powlett, K.T.

The Cap of Maintenance, borne by the Marquess of Winchester.

The Sword of State, borne by the Earl of Liverpool.

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

His Royal Highness seated on the Throne, the Great Officers and others standing on the right and left, the Commons were summoned by Black Rod, and the Speaker, attended by the Members, being at the Bar, His Royal Highness delivered the following most gracious Speech, in the name and

on the behalf of His Majesty, to both Houses of Parliament:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It is with the deepest concern that I am obliged to announce to you, at the opening of this Parliament, the continuance of His Majesty's lamented indisposition, and the diminution of the hopes which I have most anxiously entertained of his recovery.

The situation of public affairs has induced me to take the earliest opportunity of meeting you after the late elections. I am persuaded you will cordially participate in the satisfaction which I derive from the improvement of our prospects during the course of the present year.

The valour and intrepidity displayed by His Majesty's forces and those of his allies in the Peninsula, on so many occasions during this campaign, and the consummate skill and judgment with which the operations have been conducted by General the Marquess of Wellington, have led to consequences of the utmost importance to the common cause.

By transferring the war into the interior of Spain, and by the glorious and ever memorable victory obtained at Salamanca, he has compelled the enemy to raise the siege of Cadiz; and the southern provinces of that kingdom have been delivered from the power and arms of France.

Although I cannot but regret that the efforts of the enemy, combined with a view to one great operation, have rendered it necessary to withdraw from the siege of Burgos, and to evacuate Madrid, for the purpose of concentrating the main body of the allied forces; these efforts of the enemy have, nevertheless, been attended with important sacrifices