

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

We are commanded by His Majesty to return you His thanks for the provision which you have made for the public service.

Although the public expenditure has already undergone considerable reduction within the present year, His Majesty trusts He shall be enabled by the continuance of peace, and of internal tranquillity, to make such further reductions, as may satisfy the just expectations expressed by Parliament.

His Majesty has commanded us to assure you of the gratification which He has derived from the provision which you have made for His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is with the greatest satisfaction that His Majesty has observed the quiet and good order which continue to prevail in those parts of the country which were not long since in a state of agitation.

His Majesty deeply laments the distress to which the agricultural interests, in many parts of the kingdom, are still subject.

It will be His Majesty's most anxious desire, by a strict attention to public economy, to do all that depends upon Him for the relief of the country from its present difficulties; but you cannot fail to be sensible that the success of all efforts for this purpose will mainly depend upon the continuance of domestic tranquillity; and His Majesty confidently relies on your utmost exertions, in your several counties, in enforcing obedience to the laws, and in promoting harmony and concord amongst all descriptions of His Majesty's subjects.

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 Thursday the 20th day of September next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 20th day of September next.

*Westminster, July 10, 1821.*

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Com-

mons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable 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 to provide for the charge of the addition to the public funded debt of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

An Act to continue, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, an Act of the fifty-ninth year of His late Majesty, for rendering the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom arising in Great Britain available for the public service.

An Act to grant for the term of five years additional stamp duties on certain proceedings in the courts of law, and to repeal certain other stamp duties in Ireland.

An Act for better securing the duties of excise on tobacco.

An Act for repealing the duties imposed on husbandry horses, and to make perpetual several Acts for reducing the duties on certain horses and mules.

An Act for charging a duty on British spirits brought into certain parts of the district of Lisburne in Ireland.

An Act to continue several Acts for the relief of persons compounding for assessed taxes from an annual assessment for a further term, and to amend the Acts relating to assessments and compositions of assessed taxes.

An Act to repeal certain Acts, passed in the thirty-first, thirty-third, forty-fourth, and forty-fifth years of His late Majesty King George the Third, for regulating the importation and exportation of corn, grain, meal, and flour into and from Great Britain, and to make further provisions in lieu thereof.

An Act for the appropriation of certain proceeds arising from the capture of vessels and cargoes, the property of the subjects of the Kings of Spain, Portugal, and the Netherlands, taken and seized in violation of the conventions made with those states, and for granting bounties upon slaves captured in such vessels, and also for granting indemnity to the captors of certain vessels taken in the prosecution of the slave trade.

An Act to empower the Commissioners in Great Britain for the execution of several Acts for authorising the issue of Exchequer Bills for carrying on of public works and fisheries and employment of the poor, to extend the time for the payment of certain advances under the said Acts.

An Act for regulating the exportation of hops to foreign parts, and allowing a drawback of the excise duty paid thereon.

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