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The Speech of the Lords Commissioners to both Houses of Parliament, on Thursday, February 3, 1825.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

WE are commanded by His Majesty to express to you the gratification which His Majesty derives from the continuance and progressive increase of that public prosperity upon which His Majesty congratulated you at the opening of the last session of Parliament.

There never was a period in the history of this country, when all the great interests of the nation were at the same time in so thriving a condition, or when a feeling of content and satisfaction was more widely diffused through all classes of the British people.

It is no small addition to the gratification of His Majesty, that Ireland is participating in the general prosperity. The outrages, for the suppression of which extraordinary powers were confided to His Majesty, have so far ceased as to warrant the suspension of the exercise of those powers in most of the districts heretofore disturbed.

Industry and commercial enterprise are extending themselves in that part of the United Kingdom. It is therefore the more to be regretted that associations should exist in Ireland, which have adopted proceedings irreconcilable with the spirit of the Constitution, and calculated, by exciting alarm, and by exasperating animosities, to endanger the

peace of society, and to retard the course of national improvement.

His Majesty relies upon your wisdom to consider, without delay, the means of applying a remedy to this evil.

His Majesty further recommends the renewal of the inquiries instituted last session into the state of Ireland.

His Majesty has seen with regret the interruption of tranquillity in India, by the unprovoked aggression and extravagant pretensions of the Burmese Government, which rendered hostile operations against that State unavoidable.

It is, however, satisfactory to find that none of the other Native Powers have manifested any unfriendly disposition, and that the bravery and conduct displayed by the forces already employed against the enemy afford the most favourable prospect of a successful termination of the contest.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

His Majesty has directed us to inform you that the estimates of the year will be forthwith laid before you.

The state of India, and circumstances connected with other parts of His Majesty's foreign possessions, will render some augmentation in His military establishments indispensable.

His Majesty has, however, the sincere gratification of believing, that, notwithstanding the increase of expence arising out of this augmentation, such is the flourishing condition and progress