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*St. James's-Palace, February 4, 1834.*

**T**HIS day His Majesty proceeded in state from St. James's-Palace to the House of Peers, where he arrived at a quarter past two o'clock; and was received, on alighting from his state coach, by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the Deputy Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Steward of the Household, the Earl Grey, Garter, and Black Rod, and proceeded to the robing-room in the customary manner.

His Majesty was there robed, and having put on the imperial crown, the procession moved into the House in the usual order;—the sword of state was borne by the Earl Grey, K. G. and the cap of maintenance by the Marquess of Winchester.

His Majesty being seated upon the Throne, the Great Officers of State and others standing on the right and left, Sir Augustus Clifford, Knt. the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to deliver the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

IN calling you again together for the discharge of your high duties, I rely with entire confidence on your zeal and diligence, on your sincere devotion to the public interests, and on your firmness in support-

ing on its ancient foundations, and in the just distribution of its powers, the established constitution of the state.

These qualities eminently distinguished your labours during the last session, in which more numerous and more important questions were brought under the consideration of Parliament than during any former period of similar duration.

Of the measures which have, in consequence, received the sanction of the legislature, one of the most difficult and important was the Bill for the Abolition of Slavery. The manner in which that beneficent measure has been received throughout the British colonies, and the progress already made in carrying it into execution, by the legislature of the island of Jamaica, afford just grounds for anticipating the happiest results.

Many other important subjects will still call for your most attentive consideration.

The reports which I will order to be laid before you from the Commissions appointed to inquire into the state of the Municipal Corporations, into the administration and effect of the poor laws, and into Ecclesiastical revenues and patronage in England and Wales, cannot fail to afford you much useful information, by which you will be enabled to judge of the nature and extent of any existing defects and abuses, and in what manner the necessary corrections may, in due season, be safely and beneficially applied.

It has been the constant aim of My policy to