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Whitehall, November 12.

**T**HE Parliament met this day at Westminster, whither His Majesty went, attended with the usual Solemnity, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne in the House of Peers, His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to Both Houses of Parliament; which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**I** Am Glad to Meet you here, when I can say, Our Affairs are in a better Posture both by Sea and Land, than when We parted last.

The Enemy has not been in a Condition to Oppose Our Fleet in these Seas, and Our Judging so great a Force into the Mediterranean, has Disappointed their Designs, and leaves Us a Prospect of further Success.

With Respect to the War by Land, I think I may say, That this Year a Stop has been put to the Progress of the French Arms.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have had so much Experience of your good Affection to Me, and of your Zeal for the Publick, that I cannot doubt of your Assistance at this time; I do therefore earnestly Recommend to you, to Provide such Supplies, as may Enable Me to prosecute the War with Vigour; which is the only Means to procure Peace to Christendom, with the Safety and Honour of England.

I must likewise put you in mind, That the Act of Tonnage and Poundage Expires at Christmas; and I hope you will think fit to continue that Revenue to the Crown, which is the more necessary at this time, in regard the several Branches of the Revenue are under great Anticipations, for extraordinary Expences of the War, and subject to many Demands upon other Accounts.

I cannot but Mention to you again, the Debt for the Transport Ships employed in the Reducing of Ireland, which is a Case of Compassion, and deserves Relief.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I should be glad you would take into your Consideration the Preparing some good Bill for the Encouragement of our Seamen: You cannot but be Sensible, how much a Law of this Nature would tend to the Advancement of Trade, and of the Naval Strength of the Kingdom, which is Our great Interest, and ought to be Our principal Care.

Leghorne, Nov. 1. Yesterday arrived here a Vessel in 24 hours from Toulon, and brings advice, that the French Fleet was returned into that Port, and all the Ships were disarming, many of which had received considerable damage in the Storm they met with as they came back from the Coast of Catalonia. This day arrived here the Carmarthen Galley, Capt. Jones Commander, from England, who

in his passage from Alicant took a French Bark laden with Corn from Barbary, and bound to Mar-seilles.

Turin, Nov. 6. The Duke of Savoy went from hence the 28th of the last month to view the Gar-risons of Coni and Demont. The night following a Fire happened here, which burnt some Houses, with a Magazine of Hay. Our Troops are all in their Winter Quarters, of which about 18000 are lodged in Piedmont. Prince Eugene of Savoy will part from hence in few days for Vienna. The Count de Palsi, one of the General Officers that commanded the German Troops in these parts, is lately dead at Milan. The Spaniards are resolved to continue the Blockade of Casal this Winter; and talk of besieging it in the Spring. We have an account this day, that the French Forces which remained about Diblom, separated on Wednesday last, and that they have begun to repass the Moun-tains. The Mareschal de Catinat took lately a Review of them, and found them very much weakened by Sickness and Desertion; He is ex-pected in a day or two at Pignerol, and after having visited that Garison, will return to France.

Venice, Nov. 8. The Senate have received Let-ters from the Captain General Zeno of the first of October, containing the Particulars of the taking of Scio, which are in substance the same you have already had an account of; only they add, That by the Capitulation made with the Garison, 'twas agreed that the Castle should be surrendered within 3 days after signing of the Articles; That one of the Gates should be immediately delivered up; That the Garison should be permitted to Embark with their Arms and Baggage, and should be Conducted to Smirna; That they should leave behind them all the Cannon and Ammunition; as also all the Jews and Renagadoes; That all the Christian Slaves, both Men and Women, should be released; and, that the Turkish Gallies which were then in the Ports of that Island, should remain in the Power of the Venetians. This Capitulation was executed accordingly. Our Troops found in the Castle 150 Pieces of Brass Cannon, and 50 of Iron; and most of the Christians who obtained their Li-berty took service in our Troops. We hear from Dalmatia, that the Turks after having made several fruitless Attempts upon Cicalut, drew off the 21th of the last month, and were marching back to their Quarters.

Vienna, Nov. 6. The States of Hungary, who were lately assembled at Buda to regulate the Win-ter Quarters and Subsistence of the Imperial Troops, have finished that Matter, and are sepa-rated again. General Caprara and the Count de Heydrheim are shortly expected here; In the mean time the Council of War has had several Meetings to order the Recruits for the next year. The last

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