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Westminster, October 20.

THE Parliament met this day, and the King being come to the House of Peers, and seated on the Throne in his Royal Robes, with the usual Solemnity, the Commons were sent for up by the Black Rod; who attending His Majesty accordingly, His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Have call'd you together as soon as was possible, and I think it a great Happiness that this Year has pass'd without any Disadvantage Abroad, or Disorder at Home, considering Our great Disappointment in the Funds given at your last Meeting, and the Difficulties which have arisen upon the Receiving of the Money.

This is so Convincing a Proof of the good Disposition of My Army, and of the steady Affections of My People, that I cannot but take Notice of it with great Satisfaction.

Our Enemies have not been without Hopes, That such a Conjunction might have prov'd Fatal to Us; but as they have fail'd in those Expectations, so I am fully perswaded, That your Unanimous Proceedings in this Session, will make them for ever Despair of an Advantage from any Disagreement among Our selves.

It must be confess'd, that the Business which you have before you will be very great, because of the Necessity of Supplying former Deficiencies, as well as making Provision for the next Years Service.

And upon this Occasion it is fit for Me to Acquaint you, that some Overtures have been made in order to the Entering upon a Negotiation for a General Peace: But I am sure We shall all agree in Opinion, That the only way of Treating with France is with Our Swords in Our Hands; and that We can have no reason to expect a Safe and Honourable Peace, but by shewing Our selves Prepar'd to make a Vigorous and Effectual War: In order to which, I do very Earnestly Recommend to you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, that you would Consider of Raising the Necessary Supplies, as well for Maintaining the Honour of Parliaments, in making good the Funds already Granted, as for Carrying on the War the next Year; which I think ought not to be less than what was intended to be Rais'd for that Purpose the last Session.

I must also put you in mind of the Civil List, which can not be Supported without your Help; and the Miserable Condition of the French Protestants does Oblige Me to mention them to you again.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It may deserve your Consideration, whether there do not still remain some Inconveniencies relating to the Coin, which ought to be Remedied: And I hope you'll find out the best Expedients for the Recovery of Credit, which is absolutely Necessary, not only with Respect to the War, but for Carrying on of Trade.

I am of Opinion, That there is not one good English Man, who is not Intirely Convinc'd, how much does depend upon this Session. And therefore I cannot but hope for your Unanimity and Dispatch in your Resolutions; which at this time are more necessary than ever, for the Safety and Honour of England.

Madrid, Oct. 3. N.S. The King of Spain is perfectly recovered, and two days ago received the Compliments of all the Grandees and Foreign Ministers, and every night since there have been Illuminations and Fireworks all over

the Town. The Queen is much better. Last Friday died here the Constable of Castile, being 75 years old. The Conde d'Oropesa, who was sent for when the King was ill, took his Leave of his Catholick Majesty yesterday, and is gone back to his House in the Country. They write from Catalonia, that the Forces on both sides are gone to their Quarters; and that 26 Spanish Gallies sail'd from Barcelona the 17th of the last month, to endeavour to meet with those of the Enemy, who they heard were at Roses.

Corunna, Oct. 20. The Spanish Expedition Packet-Boat arriv'd here the 19th Instant from Falmouth. This morning sail'd hence 3 Dutch Privateers, with 4 Prizes which they took some days ago, and brought into this Port. They write from Cadiz of the 27th past, that the Cloudesly, Beake, and Trumbull Gallies, were arriv'd there, and would sail again the next day. 'Twas lately reported, that the French Squadron commanded by Monsieur Chazbeau-venant had been seen on the Coast of Portugal; but we have since heard no further news of them.

Leghorne, Oct. 8. We have advice, that the Scanderoon Convoy, with the Merchant Ships under command of Capt. Moody, arriv'd at Smyrna the 18th of August last. The Dragon Frigate, Capt. Rigby Commander, had taken off Rhodes a French Ship of 180 Tuns, bound from Alexandria to Constantinople: And afterwards, near Scio, Capt. Moody took a French Satea bound to Metelin to lade Corn. An English Ship (which is supposed to be the Charles, Capt. Pickering Commander) took the 29th past a rich French Merchantman bound home from Turkey, and carried her to Naples.

Milan, Oct. 10. The Neutrality or Suspension of Arms for Italy was signed the 7th of this month at Vigevano (near which place the Forces of the Allies are camp'd) by the Ministers of the Emperor, the King of Spain, and the Duke of Savoy, in pursuance of which the Siege of Valence, which had lasted 15 days with open Trenches, was rais'd yesterday; and both the German and French Troops are to leave Italy forthwith, and to march home; The Germans are to have 300000 Pistoles of the Princes of Italy in lieu of Winter Quarters, whereof one third part is to be paid immediately, and Security given for the rest. Some days before the Truce was signed the Garrison of Alexandria defeated a great Party of the Enemies Troops consisting of 1200 Men, of whom they killed 600 upon the place of fight.

Turin, Oct. 11. The French Forces drew off from before Valence the 9th Instant; and on the 13th they will begin their march homeward; The Germans and other Auxiliary Troops are to do the like. Hostages are given for the performance of what is agreed on; Those for the Emperor and King of Spain are the Prince of Trivulzio and the Marquis of Burgamano; and the Count de Tesse and Marquis de Pins are Hostages for France. The Duke of Savoy is expected here in few days.

Venice, Oct. 12. Yesterday arriv'd here a Ship from the Levant, and brought Letters dated the 8th of the last month at Napoli di Romania, which say, a Vessel was arriv'd there from the Archipelago, and reported, that there had been an Engagement between the Venetian and Turkish Fleets, but could give no account of the success of it. We have advice from Constantinople, that the present Sultan is brought to Bed of a Son.

Vienna, Oct. 13. The last Letters from Hungary give an account, that the Grand Signior was gone back towards Adrianople; but the Visier continued still at Belgrade, and 'twas said he had a design upon Titul; To prevent which General Caprara had sent a Reinforcement thither. The Turks have abandoned Moravitz on the Save, which they took lately, after having plundered it.

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Frankfort, Oct. 21. The Forces that have served on the Rhine this Campagne are marching on both sides to their Winter Quarters.

Hamburg, Oct. 23. They write from Dresden, that the Electors of Saxony is brought to Bed of a Son.

Paris, Oct. 22. The Princess of Savoy arrived the 18th Instant at Lyon; and will be the 5th or 6th of the next month at Fontenaybleau; The Duke of Orleans intends to go to Montargis to meet her. The Truce in Italy being agreed on, the Forces before Valence drew off the 9th. The Troops of Savoy marched the 11th towards Ann; and the French would decamp the 13th. The Marshalls de Villeroi and Buffers are expected here in few days from Flanders; and the Marechal de Choiseul from Germany; as also the Duke de Vendosme from Catalonia. They continue to sit out at Brest the Squadron to be commanded by the Sieur Pointi.

Brussels, Oct. 21. The French Armies are now separated, and going into Winter Quarters; whereupon our Camp near Bugis is likewise broke up, and the Prince of Vaudemont came hither this Evening.

Hague, Oct. 23. N. S. On Sunday last arrived in the Texell our East Country Fleet from the Sound. The French Letters own they lost a great many Men before Valence; the Garrison having made a very good defence; Upon the News of the Neutrality being accepted, the Hostilities ceased on both sides.

Dublin, Oct. 13. The Letters from England which came in yesterday bringing an account of His Majesty's safe Return from Flanders, occasioned a great and general Joy here, which was demonstrated by firing of Guns, Illuminations, Bonfires, and Ringing of Bells.

Kisfal, Oct. 11. On the 29th of the last month the Ship called the George, was forced by bad Weather into Cloghnekie Bay, and the same day arrived here the Return, John Turpin Master; They both belong to London, and are laden with Sugars from the Barbadoes, whence they came with the Fleet under Convoys of the Bristol and Childs-Play, but were separated in a Storm, during which Maurice T. ant, Master of the George, and two of his Men, were washed over-board and lost. The 2d Instant Capt. Townsend, Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Lyn, brought into this Port the Revenge Galley of London, of 80 Tuns, bound home from Legborne; She was taken by a French Privateer of 24 Guns, called the Town of St. Mislo, after a Dispute of 4 hours, and retaken by Capt. Townsend near the Lands End; Capt. Polgrin, Commander of the said Galley, is on board the French Privateer. The 3d Instant arrived here the Shrewsbury Galley of London, John Davison Commander, from Plymouth. On the 7th Instant came in the Harwich Frigate from Dublin; and yesterday a Vessel from Biddisford bound to Waterford, to lade Goods for Virginia.

Belfast, Oct. 5. The 3d Instant arrived in the Lough of Carrickfergus the Hope of London, Capt. Williams Johnson Commander, who came with the Fleet from Barbadoes, laden with Sugars and Molosses.

Carrickfergus, Oct. 7. Yesterday came into this Lough the Charity of Leverpool, Ralph Williams Master, with Sugars from Monserrat; The John and Anne of Leverpool; and the Mary of Dublin, the two last from Barbadoes.

Tralce, Oct. 5. On the 2d Instant a French Privateer of 16 Guns, 2 Patereroes, and 108 Men, was by stress of Weather driven ashore at Ballynaskellick in Iveragh, about 6 miles to the Southward of Valentia; Capt. Burleigh, who commands there, seized all the Men, and brought them ashore Prisoners, it's believed the Ship will be lost.

Falmouth, Oct. 15. Last night came in the Spanish Expedition from the Groyne. This day sailed hence two Dutch Men of War with 4 Prizes for Holland. A Ship is brought in here, called the St. Paul, laden with Hemp and Tallow for Bourdeaux.

Weymouth, Oct. 17. Capt. Rowce, Commander of a Privateer called the Prosperous of Guernsey, of 8 Guns and 50 Men, took on the 8th Instant, on the Coast of France, a Privateer called the Swallow of St. Mislo, carrying 6 Guns and 40 Men, James Lenewe Commander, and carried her to Guernsey.

Yarmouth, Oct. 19. On Saturday and yesterday passed through our Road about 150 Sail of Laden Colliers with their Convoys, as also divers laden Ships from Hull, with their Convoys, all bound for the River.

Portsmouth, Oct. 20. The Guernsey Frigate has sent her a small French Privateer of 4 Guns, which she took two days ago off Beachy.

Kensington, Oct. 21. This day an humble Address, congratulating His Majesty's safe Return from Flanders, signed by all the Principal Inhabitants of the Burrough of Plymouth in the County of Devon, was presented to His Majesty by Geo. Parker Esq; one of the Representatives of the said Burrough, attended by several of the Members of Parliament of the said County, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Stamford, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Devon, which His Majesty was pleased to receive very Graciously.

Advertisements.

✦ The True Way to Happiness; Or, The Necessity of Holy Living: being a strong and forcible Exhortation to rise up and awaken all that would be saved, to the Practice of Holy Life: With Rules and Directions how to live to God here, and to be assured of Everlasting Happiness hereafter. Collected out of several holy Authors, and proved from Holy Writ. Printed for, and sold by A. Courell at the Cock in Cornhill Street by the Strand. Price 1s.

✦ The Annual Feast for the City and County of Chester, viz. this year held at Merchants Taylors Hall, on the 17th day of November next; and Tickets may be had of Mr. Holbrook at the Civer Cat in the Poultry, of Mr. Lee Lowndes in Pall Mall Court, of Mr. Shaws at the Dial in Holborn, and of Mr. Roylands at the Crown and Star in King Street, Westminster.

LOst about a fortnight since at Colehill in Warwickshire, a Gold Watch in a Shagreen Case, with a Steel wrought Triangle Seal, being 4 Coats quarterly (in a plain Scarceon) on one side, a Crest and Cypher on the other 2 sides; as likewise a Ring, set round at the top with Diamonds, both fixed to a double Gold Chain, and Steel Carved Swivels. Whoever brings it to Colonel Parsons, adjoining to the Court of Requests, or to Mr. John Lewndes, Watch-maker in Pall-Mall Court, shall have 5 l.

LOst a Bank Note payable to Sir Benj. Newland for 51 l. 4 s. dated 23 Sept. 1696. N^o 99. Whoever brings it to Mr. William Ives at the 4 Coffin in Fleetstreet, near Fleet-Bridge, shall be Rewarded.

Taken from a Gentleman, by 5 Highwaymen, the 17th Instant at night, near Battersea in Surry, a Silver Watch with a Tortoise Shell Case, made by J. Lodge, Lond. a small Hair Ring with 2 Diamonds, and Letters J. P. a black Agar Seal Ring, with a Lyon Rampant Engraven on it, and the Crest, a Demy Lyon rampant, with a Dart in his Claw; as also a Corral Mare about 14 hands high, has all her Paces, 9 years old, lop Ears, Pit Eyes, mealy Muffed, black Mane and Tail, and two white Feet behind. Whoever secures the said Mare and other Things, and gives notice to Mr. Pate, Woollen Draper, at the Black-Boy in Fleetstreet, shall have Two Guineas for the Mare, and reasonable Charges, and be well Rewarded for the other Things.

AN Estate of near 50 l. per Annum at Butterton in the County of Stafford, a good Title, easie Rented, and well Tenanted, is to be sold: The Persons intrusted to sell the said Estate are at The Alceps House near the Talbot in Alsbourn in the Parke of Derbyshire, on the Eleventh of November next, to Treat with any that have a mind to purchase, &c.

These who are curious in Seals cut in Cornelian, Agate, Onyx, Sardonyx, &c. with variety of fine Fancies, Beasts and Figures, both Antient and Modern, may be furnished by Jeremiah Marlow, Goldsmith, at the Spread-Eagle in Lombard Street, where you may have Coats of Arms, Cyphers, and other Devices curiously engraven on any sort of Stone.

Strayed or stolen out of Windfor Park Mead, a black roan Gelding, 7 years old this Grass, a Star in his Forehead, and a mottled Muffe, one white Foot behind, and a quarter taken out of the farther Foot on the inside before. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to Mr. Robert Hawkes at the Black Bull on Breadstreet, or to Mr. Edward Say in New Windfor, shall have a Guinea.

LOst the 15th Instant, in the Evening on the Road near Tyburn, one brown Gelding near 15 hands high, trot and gallop, with W. D. marked on the near Buttock, and will Fetch and Carry like a Dog, with a fower Head; also one other light bay Gelding with a large Star and Strip, near 15 hands high, has formerly had the Fashions on the near Leg behind. Whoever secures them, and gives notice to Mr. Nich. Philips at the White Hart in Aldersgate Street, or to Mr. Will. Morgan at the George in Aylesbury, shall have a Guinea Reward for each, and Charges.

Taken away the 19th Instant, in the Evening, near Tyburn, one Mr. William Cartwright, a light grey Mare about 14 hands high, her Knees have been broke, and the tip of one Ear cut off, plain and poor, and a little flabbitten about the Neck. Whoever secures her, and gives notice to Mr. William Cartwright or Francis Cooper upon the Royal Exchange, shall have a Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.