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Westminster, Novemb. 27.

**H**ER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Aston, Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to make a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**H**AVING newly Received Letters from the King of Spain, and the Earl of Peterborough, which contain a very particular Account of Our Great and Happy Successes in Catalonia; And shewing at the same time the Reasonableness of their being immediately Supported: I look upon this to be a Matter of so much Consequence in it self, and so Agreeable to you, that I have Ordered a Copy of the King of Spain's Letter to My Self; a Letter from the Junta of the Military Arme of Catalonia; and another Letter from the City of Vich; as also an Extract of the Earl of Peterborough's Letter to Me, to be Communicated to both Houses of Parliament.

I Recommend the Consideration of them to you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, very particularly, as the Speediest Way to Restore the Monarchy of Spain to the House of Austria; And therefore I Assure My Self you will Enable Me to Prosecute the Advantages We have Gained in the most Effectual Manner; and so Improve the Opportunity, which God Almighty is pleased to Afford Us, of putting a Prosperous End to the present War.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I must not Lose this Occasion of Desiring you to give as much Dispatch to the Matters before you, as the Nature of them will Allow, that so Our Preparations for next Year may be Early, which cannot fail of being of great Advantage to Us.

From the French Camp before Nice, Nov. 11. N. S. The Duke of Berwick arrived here the 31st past; but we were hindered during several days from proceeding in this Siege, by the overflowing of the River Var, whose Waters had in a manner surrounded our Camp

and by the want of Artillery, Ammunition, and other Necessaries, the Ships that were to bring them from Toulon being kept back by contrary Winds. At length the Rains, which occasioned this Inundation, being ceased, the Ships arrived at Villafranca, and our Cannon and Stores landed, we have begun to raise a Battery of 6 Guns against the Town, and another against the Castle. We believe we may be soon Masters of the Town; but the Castle being very well fortified both by Art and Nature, and having in it a strong Garrison, well provided with all Necessaries for its Defence, we cannot but expect to meet with great Difficulties in this Undertaking; especially considering the Season of the Year, and the Weakness of our Army, which consists of no more than 15 Battalions.

*Inspruck, Nov. 5.* The Regiment of Dragoons of Castell, consisting of 1000 Men, passed by this Place the 6th instant towards Italy, whither more Troops are likewise marching to reinforce the Imperial Army Commanded by Prince Eugene, which, according to our last Advices had passed the Oglio, and lay between Vrago and Chiari. The Duke of Vendome, with the French Army under his Command, was advanced to Pumenengo to observe the Imperialists.

*Falmouth, Novemb. 24.* The Marlborough of Liverpool, James Mack Mullen Master, arrived in this Port yesterday from Virginia: She came from thence the 4th of the last Month in the Company of 43 Sail of Merchant-men, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the Kingston and Falkland; and was separated from them by bad Weather the 21st Instant off of Ushant.

*Plymouth, Nov. 25.* The 22d Instant came in here the Rogers of this Place, Abraham Peters Master, homeward bound from Virginia. This day came in Her Majesty's Ships the Kent and Cambridge from the Streights, having parted from Her Majesty's Fleet, under the Command of Sir Cloudesly Shovell, off of this Harbour.

*Bristol, Novemb. 24.* The 21st Instant came into Pill the Matthew of London, Lawrence Shee Master, from the Canaries. The next morning the Faulconberg of London, from Africa, but last from Fial, was forced ashore near Port-Sheets Fort, having lost her Rudder the night before upon the Welsh-Sands. The Juphrow Magdalena came in the 20th from Stockholm; and the Kate and Sarah the 22d from Ballyshannon in Ireland.

*Dartmouth, Nov. 25.* On the 23d instant came into Port the Thomas of London, commanded by Captain Ralph Headly, from Virginia: She came with the Fleet from thence, but was separated from it the 14th Instant in bad Weather, about 300 Leagues to the Westward of this Place: The Captain says he left that Colony very healthy. The same day came in another Ship belonging to the same Fleet, which she left the 20th instant in the Soundings: She is called the Crow of London, Captain Ralph Mort Commander.

*Cowes, Nov. 26.* The 23d instant came into our Road the Aaron of London, Tho. Smith Master, from Virginia; from whence she came in the Company of