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**T**HIS Day his Grace the Duke of Ormond went with the usual Solemnity to meet the Lords and Commons of this Kingdom assembled in Parliament, and being seated on the Throne, made the following Speech to both Houses:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**H**ER Majesty being graciously pleased, that her Subjects of this Kingdom should participate in the happy Influences of her Government, has taken this most early Occasion to call you together, to testify her Affection and Care of your Welfare; and to assure you that she will still continue the same tender Regard for you, which she has already shewn in so many remarkable Instances.

By remitting the Twentieth Parts, and granting the First Fruits for buying in Improvements, her Majesty has not only conferred a Mark of her Graciousness on the present Clergy; but has provided for the Maintenance of greater Numbers of them, than by the good Laws made against the Popish Religion in her Majesty's Reign, the Church shall be enlarged.

And her Majesty has given an Instance of her Royal Bounty to the College of Dublin, in compliance with an Application made in their behalf last Session of Parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons;

The Publick Accounts which are Order'd to be laid before you will demonstrate how careful Her Majesty has been to save you several Heads of Expence; and therefore has consider'd of a less chargeable way for securing the Arms and Ammunition than was formerly propos'd. And the same publick Accounts will inform you, that as Her Majesty's great Expeditions by Sea and Land, have occasion'd the withdrawing several Troops from hence, and putting them on other Establishments; so whatever hath been saved thereby, has been apply'd to the publick Service of this Kingdom; and Her Majesty having hitherto taken all proper Methods for the Ease of Her Subjects, does judge it necessary for their Safety and Protection, to replace on her Establishment here, so many more Troops as will compleat the Number of Her Forces: And doubts not but that you will make Provision accordingly. As also for the Rebuilding in proper Places the several publick Offices, which the late Fire has destroyed.

And Her Majesty considering how much the Estates and Properties of Her Subjects of this Kingdom depend upon the Records thereof, doth earnestly Recommend to you, the making Provision to prevent the great Mischiefs both Publick and Private which may arise by the Loss of those consumed in the late Fire, and to preserve such as are remaining.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am commanded by Her Majesty to assure you that she will still continue to preserve the Church of Ireland as by Law Establish'd, secure the Protestant Succession in the House of Hanover, maintain and support the Protestant Religion, and the Rights and Properties of all Her Subjects.

And as Her Majesty is graciously pleased to signify Her Readiness to concur with you in any thing, that may be for your Safety and Prosperity; so she has not the least Doubt, but that you will proceed in the Matters which shall come before you, with

such Temper, Unanimity, and Dispatch, as may render this a happy Session to Her Majesty and Her People.

**Hamburgh, July 17. N. S.** We have received Advice from Carelsron, that the Swedish Fleet is ready to put to Sea, and is order'd to Engage the Danes if possible; and forasmuch as the Danes give out, that they have the same Design against the Swedes, we expect to hear of some Action between them. The Accounts we had received that the King of Sweden and the Palatin' of Kiovia were gone to Constantinople are contradicted, and we are now told that his Majesty has join'd the Army of the Turks, who are advanc'd as far as the Danube, over which they have laid three Bridges, in order to pass that River; but it is thought the Difficulties that prevail not only throughout the Empire, but in the Army, will deter the Vizier for the present from engaging in any considerable Enterprize. Our Letters from Poland assure us, that the Hospodars of Wallachia and Moldavia have declared for the Czar of Muscovy; a Detachment of whose Forces, consisting of six thousand Men, under the command of Brigadier Kropetow, are posted at Jassi, where he received the Submission of the Provinces before mention'd in the usual Forms. The Turks had laid a Design to seize the Hospodar of Wallachia, and carry him to Constantinople, but Brigadier Kropetow being timely advertis'd of it, advanced with a seasonable Relief of three thousand Dragoons, and prevented them. His Czarish Majesty arrived the 16th of June at Bracklow, and as soon as General Czermetoff has joined him with the Horse, he proposeth to pass the Niester with the whole Army. They write from Stetin, that Preparations are making there for a vigorous Defence in case of a Siege, of which the Swedes seem very apprehensive.

**From the Camp at Cote, July 27. N. S.** On Friday the 4th Instant early in the Morning an Express from Count Hompesch brought Advice, that the Enemy had three Days before push'd on three several Attacks against our new Works at Arleux, with so much Vigour, and such Numbers of Troops, that the Colonel who commanded being dangerously wounded, and our Men by the falling of several Bombs into a small Revelin before the Gate forc'd to quit it, they retir'd into the Fort, where they beat the Chamade, and agreed to surrender themselves Prisoners of War; upon which the Troops detach'd for the Relief of the Place were order'd back to the Camp. We have as yet no other Particulars of this Action, than what are brought by Deserters, of which more than fourscore came over to us the same Day, they reported that the Enemy had above two hundred Men killed and wounded; among the latter are the Count de Gassion a Lieutenant General, and other Officers of Distinction. The Enemy are adding some new Works to strengthen the Post they have taken. Yesterday a Detachment of twenty four Squadrons and twelve Battallions were order'd to march, under the Command of the Earl of Albermarle, and encamp near Bethune, in order to observe the Enemies Motions on that side. This Morning his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, attended by several General Officers, went with a Detachment of two thousand Horse as far as Aubigny, to view the Enemies Lines between Ugy and Avesae le Comte.