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Westminster, Jan. 21.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, 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 give the Royal Assent to

An Act for continuing the Act of this present Session of Parliament, intitled, An Act to empower His Majesty to secure and detain such Persons as His Majesty shall suspect are conspiring against His Person and Government.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most Gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Had reason to believe when I spoke last to you, that the Pretender was Landed in Scotland; the Accounts I have received since do put it beyond all doubt, that he is heading the Rebellion there, and does assume the Stile and Title of King of these Realms: His Adherents do likewise confidently affirm, that Assurances are given them of Support from Abroad. This Parliament hath on all Occasions expressed so much Duty to Me, and so true a Regard for the religious and civil Rights of My People, that I am perswaded this daring Presumption of Our Enemies will heighten your just Indignation against them, and beget such farther Resolutions, as, with the Blessing of God, will enable Me to Defeat their Attempts.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The most effectual Way to put a speedy End to these Troubles, will be to make such a Provision as may discourage any Foreign Power from Assisting the Rebels; I do therefore hope, that every sincere Protestant and true Britain will look upon the extraordinary Expence, which a timely Preparation may require, to be the best Husbandry, since it will, in all human Probability, prevent that Desolation and those Calamities, which would unavoidably ensue if the Rebellion should be suffered to spread, and be supported by Popish Forces from Abroad.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The World must be convinced by all you have already done, That you have nothing but the Honour and Interest of your Country at Heart; and for My own Part, I rely entirely upon you, and doubt not but you will take such Resolutions at this Juncture, as will be most for the present Safety, and future Ease of My People.

St. James's, Jan. 21. The following Association has been presented to His Majesty.

An Association of the Bailiff, Deputy-Steward, Ministers, Capital Burgessees, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Kidderminster, in the County of Worcester, Presented to His Majesty by Thomas Vernon, Esq; Knight of the Shire for the said County, introduced by the Right Honourable James Stanhope, Esq; One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State:

Which Association His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Venise, Dec. 27. Letters from Dalmatia bring repeated Advices of a Design which the Turks had formed to make themselves Masters of Zara the Capital of that Province, and likewise of Sebenigo by Surprise; that the Vigilance of the Officers commanding there had prevented their Attempt in the first Place, but it was not well known how far the Turks had succeeded in the latter. We hear from Genoa, that the new Levies and other warlike Preparations which the King of Sicily is making give no little Jealousy to that Republick, where they are likewise very uneasy on Account of their being in such bad Terms with the Imperial Court; tho' 'tis said that they have some hopes this Difference will be soon accommodated. Letters from Naples tell us, that *Le Douré* has been sung in most of the Churches there upon the good News of the Empress's being with Child.

Inverness, Jan. 1. The Earl of Seaforth having drawn together his Clan, and some of his disaffected Neighbours, near the River Beaulie, the Earl of Sutherland detached from hence on the 26th past the Lord Lovat with two hundred Men of his Son's Battalion, one hundred and fifty of the Lord Reay's, and as many of Colonel Munro's, with sixty Men of Mr. Forbes's of Collodon, himself and his Brother being with them, and Colonel George Grant with three hundred of his Brother the Brigadier's Men; and these were joyned at the River Beaulie by seven hundred Men of the Frasers, of whom one hundred were Gentlemen, who were overjoyed to see their Chief the Lord Lovat amongst them. On the 27th they advanced within Sight of the Rebels, the River being between them. Then the Countess Dowager of Seaforth proposed an Interview with my Lord Lovat, in which it was agreed, that the Earl her Son should dismiss his Men, lay down his Arms, return to his Obedience to His Majesty King George, and not lift from his House at Brahan till His Majesty's Pleasure concerning him should be known. This Submission was to be sent under the Earl of Seaforth's Hand the next Morning to the Lord Lovat, but it not being done, Preparation was made for passing the River Beaulie. On the 29th an Account was brought hither to the Earl of Sutherland, that the Lord Lovat was fallen very ill, and that the Earl of Seaforth had not submitted. Hereupon the Earl of Sutherland set out at one a Clock the next Morning, and rode to the Beaulie: He found the Lord Lovat better, and the Men all ready. They passed the River over the Ice, and shewed great Eagerness for Action; but as they were marching up the Hill, towards the Rebels, the Earl of Seaforth sent his Submission signed with his own Hand. It had not been accepted, if the Rebels could have been attacked; but they had resolved to retire to their Hills and Woods, whither the Earl of Sutherland's Men could not have followed them for want of Provisions.

St. James's, Jan. 23. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Earl of Sutherland to be Lord Lieutenant of the Islands of Orkney and Zetland, in the room of the Earl of Morton deceased.

Whereas it has been thought necessary, That all Invalid Out-Pensioners of Chelsea-Hospital should take out Furlows every Half Year, in order to their regular Musings, and that the Place of their Abode may be known; and whereas very few Furlows were taken out at the late Payment; these are to give Notice to all Invalid Out-Pensioners, that they forthwith appear at the Secretary's Office at Chelsea-Hospital, in order to take out their Furlows; and that such as do not appear.