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Westminster, February 20.

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 make the following most Gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Was in hopes, that the Success, which it pleased God to give Us, in Defeating the late Rebellion, might have Secured to the Nation Peace, Plenty, and Tranquillity.

My Endeavours have not been wanting, during your Recess, to Improve the Happy Prospect which was in View, by Entering into such Negotiations as I judged most conducive to those good Ends; and 'tis with Pleasure I can acquaint you, that many Defects in the Treaties of Utrecht, which very nearly affected the Trade, and even the Security of these Kingdoms, have been remedied by subsequent Conventions, the Happy Consequences of which have already very sensibly appeared by the Flourishing Condition of Our Trade and Credit.

By the Alliance lately Concluded with France and the States-General, We are soon to be Eased of all future Apprehensions from Dunkirk and Mardyke; the Pretender is actually Removed beyond the Alps; his Adherents are Deprived of all Hopes of Support and Countenance from France; and even the Assistance of that Crown is Stipulated to Us in case of Exigency.

It seemed Reasonable to Expect, that such a Situation of Affairs at Home and Abroad should have Recovered from their Delusion, all such of Our Subjects as had Unhappily been Seduced by the Craft and Wickedness of Desperate and Ill-desigining Men, and thereby have Afforded Me the Opportunity, which I Desired, of following the Natural Bent of My own Inclinations to Lenity, by Opening this Session with an Act of Grace; but such is the Obstinate and Inveterate Rancour of a Faction amongst Us, that it hath again Prompted them to Animate and Stir up Foreign Powers to Disturb the Peace of their Native Country, they will choose rather to make Britain a Scene of Blood and Confusion, and to Venture even the putting this Kingdom under a Foreign Yoke, than give over their Darling Design of Imposing a Popish Pretender.

I have Ordered to be laid before you Copies of Letters which have Passed between the Swedish Ministers on this Occasion, which contain a certain Account of the projected Invasion; and I promise My Self from your Experienced Zeal and Affection to my Person and Government, that you will come to such Resolutions as will Enable Me, by the Blessing of God, to Defeat all the Designs of Our Enemies against Us.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I did hope, the putting an End to the late Rebellion would have so far Secured the Peace and Tranquillity of the Nation, that I might, consistently with the Safety of my People, have made a Considerable Reduction of the Forces; but the Preparations which are making from Abroad to Invade us, oblige Me to ask such Supplies as you shall find absolutely Necessary for the Defence of the Kingdom.

You are all Sensible of the Insupportable Weight of the National Debts, which the Publick became Engaged for, from the Necessity of the Times, the Pressures of a Long and Expensive War, and the Languishing State of Publick Credit; but the Scene being now so Happily changed, if no New Disturbances shall plunge Us again into Straits and Difficulties, the general Expectation seems to require of you, that you should turn your Thoughts towards some Method of Extricating your selves, by Reducing, by Degrees, the Debts of the Nation.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have an entire Confidence in you, and have therefore nothing to ask, but that you would take such Measures, as will best Secure your Religion and Liberties: While you Preserve those Inestimable Blessings, I shall Sit Easie and Safe on My Throne, having no other View but the Happiness and Prosperity of My People:

Vienna, Feb. 17. The President Windischgratz, and Count Schonborn, Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, have obtained the Emperour's Leave to quit their Country Seats, to which they were confined upon the Account of their late Quarrel: The Vice-Chancellor came back on the 11th, and the President the Day after, and they have since both acted in their respective Employments. The Emperour has given the Government of Great Glogaw in Silesia to Count Zinzendorf, Maggiordomo to the Archdutchesses Daughters of the late Emperour Joseph, and he has exchanged it with

with Count de Wittscheck for that of Brim in Moravia, to be nearer the Court. The French Ambassadoffr has received his Present of the Emperour's Picture enriched with Diamonds, to the Value of 3000 Pistoles, and intends to set out for Paris in seven or eight Days. The Preparations of War for the ensuing Campaign are continued with all Diligence.

Brussels, March 1. Letters from Luxembourg of the 23d of last Month advise, that that Province has been the first to acknowledge in Form the Emperour for their Sovereign, by the Inauguration of his Imperial Majesty as their Duke, which was performed on the 22d with all the proper and usual Solemnities, and a triple discharge was made of the Cannon of Luxembourg. Count Gronsfelt, Governour General of that Province, distinguished himself on this Occasion by a magnificent Entertainment, followed by a Ball, at which the principal of the Nobility and Ladies of the Country were present.

Hague, March 2. On the 24th of last Month, the whole Proceedings of the Council of the States of Holland, in causing Baron Gortz with M. Gyllenborg and Stambke, his two Secretaries, to be seized and their Papers to be secured, were laid before the Assembly of the States of that Province, who passed a Resolution, not only to approve those Proceedings, but to return the said Council Thanks for the great Care they had taken in so important an Affair, and directed them to give such further Orders in relation to the Persons and Papers of the said Baron and his Secretaries, as they shall judge proper. On the 25th in the Afternoon the several Ratifications of the Treaty of Defensive Alliance between Great Britain, France, and this State, were mutually exchanged; and Mr. Leathes, His Britannick Majesty's Resident here, dispatched to England the two Instruments of that Treaty ratified in Form by France and this State. So that this great Work is brought to an entire Conclusion.

Advertisements.

* * This Day is published, Letters which passed between Count Gyllenborg, the Barons Gortz, Sparre, and others; relating to the Design of raising a Rebellion in His Majesty's Dominions, to be supported by a Force from Sweden. Published by Authority. Printed by S. Buckley in Amen-Corner. Price 1 s. 6 d.

ON Friday the 1st of March next, being St. David's Day, will be a Sermon preached by the Right Reverend Father in God the Bishop of Bangor, at St. James's Church, Westminster, before the Stewards of the most Honourable Society of Ancient Britons established in Honour to Her Royal Highness Her Birth Day, and the Principality of Wales; and from thence they proceed to Drapers-Hall in Throgmorton-Street, to Dinner. Note, That the Sermon, by Order of the Stewards, is to be translated into Welsh, for the Benefit of the Natives of Wales. Note also, That Tickets are delivered at half a Guinea each, at St. James's and Williams's Coffee-house, and White's Chocolate-House by St. James's House; Tom and Buttou's Coffee-House, Covent-Garden; Tom's and the Grecians in De-

reux Court; Garraway's, Tom's, and Bridge's Coffee-house in Cornhill. Note also, That the Stewards for the ensuing Year are fixed.

THE several Leasehold Estates of John Richards, late of Spalding, in the County of Lincoln, deceased, are, by Virtue of a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, to be sold by John Meller, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symonds Inn in Chancery-Lane; for Payment of the said John Richards's Debts; Particulars whereof may be had at the said Meller's Chambers, and at Mr. Steven's, an Attorney at Law, at Spalding in Lincolnshire.

THE Angel Inn in Stroud, near Rochester, in Kent, being a large Brick Houle, with Stables, Gardens, Yard, and all Conveniences for Man and Horse, to be Lett or Sold; inhabited by Mr. Hen. Platt above 25 Years, he now leaving off by reason of Old Age. Inquire at the said Houle, and you may know further.

THIS is to give Notice, That all Persons that have pledged any Plate, Rings, Watches, Wearing Apparel, or other Household Goods, in the Hands of Mr. William Steevens; or Mrs. Ann Steevens, in Drury-lane, both lately deceased, are desired to fetch them away within three Months after Date, from the Executor to the said Mrs. Ann Steevens, who is to be heard of at the Houle of Mr. Humphrey Skelton, Perriwig-maker, within two Doors of the Dog-Lavcro, New Palace-Yard, Westminster, or they will be disposed of.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Abraham Vaughan, of London, Victualler, and he being declared a Bankrupt, the Commissioners in the said Commission named, intend to meet on the 28th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to appoint Assignees; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay Contribution-Money.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against John Penrose, of Redruth, in the County of Cornwall, Mercer, and he being declared a Bankrupt, the Commissioners in the said Commission named, intend to meet on the 1st of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to appoint Assignees; at which Time and Place the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-Money. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Persons but whom the Commissioners shall appoint; but are forthwith to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Dandy, Attorney, in Aldermanbury, London.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt hath been awarded against William Knowles, of London, Vintner, and he being declared a Bankrupt thereon; This is to give Notice, That the Commissioners intend to meet on the 28th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to appoint Assignees; where the Creditors of the said Bankrupt, are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-Money. And to encourage a Discovery of the Bankrupt's Estate, all Persons that are indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, in case they will discover the same to Mr. Richard Arnold, Attorney at Law, in Norfolk-Street in the Strand; on the Assignees obtaining of the Estate or Effects so discovered, the Discoverer thereof shall have 10 l. per Cent. or proportionable for such Discovery, immediately after obtaining the same.

THE Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Pinson Wilmot, of Mitton in the Parish of Kidderminster, in the County of Worcester, Iron-Merchant, intend to meet on the 19th of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Talbot in Omsberly, in the said County, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend, which will be forthwith made.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Jarrard Bagg, late of London, Ironmonger, intend to meet on Wednesday the 27th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.