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Westminster, May 6.

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,

IT is with great Satisfaction that after this short recess I can acquaint you with the certain Advice I have received, that my Fleet is safely arrived in the Sound, which by the Blessing of Almighty God will secure these Kingdoms against any immediate Danger of an Invasion.

I have, by this Means, an Opportunity, which is very acceptable to me, of making a considerable Reduction in our Land-Forces, having established it as a Rule with my self, to consult the Ease of my People in every Thing, so far as is consistent with their Safety. And, for my own Part, as I shall always place my Greatness in the Prosperity of my Subjects, so I shall always desire that my Power may be founded in their Affections.

It is upon these Considerations that I have given Orders for the immediate reducing of Ten Thousand Men.

That nothing may be wanting in me to quiet the Minds of all my Subjects, I have likewise given Directions to prepare an Act of Grace; and however it may be received by those who are obstinately bent on the Ruin of their Country, I promise my self, that it will raise a due Sense of Gratitude in all such as have been artfully misled into Treasonable Practices against my Person and Government, and preserve them from standing in need of the like Mercy for the future, when such an Instance of Clemency may not be so expedient for the publick Welfare, as it would be agreeable to my own Inclinations.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for your Readiness to support me in the present Juncture of Affairs, and for the Supplies which you have given; and do promise you that they shall be employed for the Uses to which you designed them.

I shall order such faithful Accompts to be laid before you the next Session, as will make it appear, there was no other View in asking any particular Supply, than to prevent a much greater Expence, which the Nation must have unavoidably incurred without it.

I must recommend to you, as I did at the Beginning of the Session, to take all proper Methods for reducing the publick Debts, with a just Regard to Parliamentary Credit.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Year being so far advanced, I hope you will go through the publick Business with all possible Dispatch and Unanimity, it being my Intention to meet you early the next Winter, that the sitting of Parliament may be brought into the more usual and convenient Season.

St. James's, May 6.

An humble Address of the Bayliffs and Burgeses of the Borough of Bridport in the County of Dorset, has been presented to His Majesty by William Coventry and Peter Walter, Esqs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, in the Absence of his Grace the Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Dorset.

An humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, and Justices of the Peace, met at the Grand Sessions held at Brecon for that County on the 29th of March, 1717. Presented to His Majesty by Roger James, Esq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of Brecon, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret, one of the Gentlemen of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber.

Which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Vienna, April 28. The Letters from Buda of the 24th Instant say, that the Baron de Petrasch, a famous Partizan, going from Peterwaradin down the Danube, with a great Number of Boats laden with Provisions and Ammunition, and designed for the Use of the Garrison of Temeswaer, was attack'd by some Turkish Vessels near the Place where the Tibiscus falls into the Danube, and after a vigorous Defence, was himself made Prisoner by them, and 20 of his Boats taken; however, the rest of them, being a much greater Number, escaped, and were brought back to Peterwaradin, from whence they are setting out again under a stronger Convoy. M. Fleischman, the Emperour's late Resident in Turkey, is made one of the Commissioners of the Council of War, in Consideration of his Services and Sufferings there. The Emperour has at last promised to the Republick of Genoa, the Investiture of the Marquisate of Final, which is accordingly soon to be given to their Minister here. And at the same Time his Imperial Majesty has consented to an Alteration of the Treaty made at Milan, for the Passage of Salt through the Territories of that Republick.

Bern, May 1. The Diet called by the French Ambassadour the Marquess d'Avaery for his Reception, met on the 25th past at Soleurre. The Ambassadour having caused his Speech to be read by M. de Martiniere, Secretary of the French Embassy, was com-

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