

From Saturday July 13. to Tuesday July 16. 1717.

Westminster, July 15.

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 Redeeming several Funds of the Governour and Company of the Bank of England pursuant to former Provisions of Redemption. and for securing to them several New Funds and Allowances redeemable by Parliament, and for obliging them to advance further Sums not exceeding Two Millions Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, at five Pounds per Cent. as shall be found necessary to be employed in lessening the National Debts and Incumbrances, and for continuing certain Provisions formerly made for the Expences of His Majesty's Civil Government, and for Payment of Annuities formerly purchased at the Rate of Five Pounds per Cent. and for other Purposes in this Act mentioned.

An Act for redeeming the yearly Fund of the South Sea Company (being after the Rate of Six Pounds per Cent. per Annum) and settling on the said Company a yearly Fund after the Rate of Five Pounds per Cent. per Annum, Redeemable by Parliament, and to raise for an Annuity or Annuities at five Pounds per Cent. per Annum, any Sum not exceeding Two Millions, to be employed in lessening the National Debts and Incumbrances, and for making the said new yearly Fund and Annuities to be hereafter Redeemable in the Time and Manner thereby prescribed.

An Act for Redeeming the Duties and Revenue which were settled to pay off Principal and Interest on the Orders made forth on four Lottery Acts passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her late Majesty's Reign; and for Redeeming certain Annuities payable on Orders out of the Hereditary Excise, according to a former Act in that behalf, and for establishing a general yearly Fund, not only for the future Payment of Annuities at several Rates, to be payable and transferrable at the Bank of England, and Redeemable by Parliament; but also to raise Monies for such Proprietors of the said Orders, as shall chuse to be paid the Principal and Arrears of Interest in ready Money; and for making good such other Deficiencies and Payments as in this Act are mentioned, and for taking off the Duties on Linseed Imported, and British Linnen Exported.

An Act for the better Collecting and Levying the Revenue of the Tenths of the Clergy.

An Act to explain and amend several Laws therein mentioned, for the better Preservation of the Game.

An Act to empower Commissioners in Commissions of Bankrupts issued since the Four and twentieth Day of June, One thousand Seven Hundred Six, and on or before the six and twentieth Day of June, One thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen, to make Certificates for Bankrupts, and the Lord Chancellor, Lord-Keeper, Commissioners of the Great Seal, or two Judges to confirm the same, notwithstanding the Acts of the Fourth and Fifth of Queen Anne are expired, and for continuing a Clause in a former Act for adjusting Accounts between Bankrupts and their Debtors.

An Act for the better Regulating of Pilots for the conducting of Ships and Vessels from Dover, Deal, and the Isle of Thanet, upon the Rivers of Thames and Medway.

An Act to continue an Act of the First Year of His Majesty's Reign, Entituled, An Act for taking and stating the Debts due, and growing due to Scotland by way of Equivalent in the Terms of the Union, and for Relief of the Creditors of the Publick, and the Commissioners of the Equitment.

An Act for the better Regulating the Office of Sheriffs, and for ascertaining their Fees, and the Fees for suing out their Patents, and passing their Accounts.

An Act for the better enabling Sheriffs to sue out their Patents, and pass their Accounts.

An Act for continuing the Liberty of Exporting Irish Linnen Cloth to the British Plantations in America, Duty free, and for the more effectual Discovery of, and prosecuting such as shall unlawfully Export Wool and Woollen Manufactures from Ireland, and for Relief of John Fletcher, in Respect of the Duty by him paid for a Quantity of Salt lost in the Exportation for Ireland.

An Act to enlarge the Time for making Claims before the Commissioners appointed to enquire of the Forfeited Estates.

An Act to enable His Majesty to appoint Commissioners to take, examine, state and determine the Debts due to the Army.

An Act for Explaining an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act to oblige Papists to Register their Names and real Estates, and for enlarging the Time for such Registering, and for securing Purchases made by Protestants.

An Act for Repairing the Highways from that Part of Counters Bridge which lies in the Parish of Kensington in the County of Middlesex, to the Powder-Mills in the Road to Stairs and Cranford-Bridge in the said County, in the Road to Colnebrooke.

An Act for Explaining and making more effectual the Acts of the Fifth and Eighth Years of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, for amending the Road between Hockley in the County of Bedford, and Stony Stratford in the County of Bucks.

An Act for the King's most Gracious, General and Free Pardon.

And to Eighteen Private Acts.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Cannot put an end to this Session, without expressing My Thanks to you for the Dispatch you have given to the Publick Business, and declaring the Satisfaction I promise My Self in Meeting you again early the next Winter, with the same good Dispositions for the Service of your Country. The Measures We have taken in this Parliament, have, by the Blessing of Almighty God, effectually Defeated all the Attempts of Our Enemies, both at Home and Abroad; and as the Principles on which those Measures are founded, are equally conducive to the Supporting the just Rights of the Crown and the Liberties of the People, I shall always persevere in them My Self, and distinguish those who adhere to them with the same Steadiness and Resolution.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I Thank you, in the most Affectionate Manner, for the Supplies you have granted Me, and for that Constancy and Zeal which you have Shewn in Reducing Our National Debts, notwithstanding the many Incidents and Obstructions you have met with in the carrying on of that great Work. As you have furnished Me with the Means of Disappointing any Designs of a Foreign Enemy against these My Kingdoms, so I cannot but ascribe, in a great measure, the happy Prospect of Our Affairs Abroad, to that Publick Spirit which has appeared in your Proceedings, and has convinced the World, that no Insinuations or Artifices can divert you from your Duty to your Sovereign, and a disinterested Regard to your Fellow-Subjects.

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