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Westminster, March 21.

**H**IS 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 Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighteen, and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer-Bills, Lottery Tickets, and Orders lost, burnt, or destroyed. and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.*

*An Act for vesting the Forfeited Estates in Great Britain and Ireland in Trustees, to be sold for the Use of the Publick; and for giving Relief to lawful Creditors, by determining the Claims; and for the more effectual bringing into the respective Exchequers the Rents and Profits of the said Estates till sold.*

*An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.*

*An Act for making the Dividend of subscribed Lottery-Annuities, and other Annuities established by several Acts of Parliament, payable Half-yearly at the Bank of England.*

*An Act to appoint Commissioners to take, examine, state and determine the Debts due to the Army, and to examine and state the Demands of several Foreign Princes and States for Subsidies during the late War.*

*An Act for finishing the Tower of the Parish Church of St. Michael Cornhill, London, out of the Duties arising pursuant to the Act of the Ninth Year of the late Queen, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs thereof.*

*An Act to empower the Commissioners appointed to put in Execution the Acts of the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her late Majesty's Reign, for building Fifty new Churches in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, and Suburbs thereof, to direct the Parish Church of St. Giles in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, to be rebuilt instead of one of the said Fifty new Churches.*

*An Act for enforcing and making perpetual an Act of the Twelfth Year of Her late Majesty, intitled, An Act for the preserving of all such Ships and Goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on Shore or stranded upon the Coasts of this Kingdom, or any other of Her Majesty's Dominions; and for inflicting the Punishment of Death on such as shall wilfully burn or destroy Ships.*

*An Act for Relief of the Wholesale Traders and Dealers in English Bone-lace, by abating several Doubts in the several Acts for licensing Hawkers and Pedlars.*

*An Act for making more effectual an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of the late Queen Anne, intitled, An Act for employing the Manufacturers, by encouraging the Consumption of Raw-Silk and Mohair-Yarn.*

*An Act for enlarging the Term of Years granted by the Acts of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King William the Third, and Second and Third Years of Queen Anne, for the Repair of Dover Harbour.*

*An Act for the better explaining several Acts therein mentioned, for erecting of Hospitals and Work-Houses within the City of Bristol, for the employing and maintaining the Poor thereof, and for making the said Acts more effectual.*

*An Act for amending the Roads from the City of London to the Town of East-Grinstead in the County of Sussex, and to the Towns of Sutton and Kingston in the County of Surrey.*

*An Act for Repairing the Highways leading from the Stones-end of Kent-street in the Parish of George's Southwark in the County of Surrey, to the Lime Kilns in East-*

*Greenwich near Black Heath, and to Lewisham Church, being the Tunbridge Road in the County of Kent.*

*An Act for Repairing the Highways from Maidenhead Bridge to Sunning-Lane-End (next to Twyford) in the Road to Reading, and from the said Bridge to Henley Bridge in the County of Berks.*

*An Act for Repairing the Highways from Crown Corner in the Town of Reading (leaving by and through the several Parishes of Shipfield and Heckfield in the several Counties of Berks, Wilts, and Southampton) to Basingstoke in the said County of Southampton.*

*An Act for the further preventing Robbery, Burglary, and other Felonies, and for the more effectual Transportation of Felons, and unlawful Exporters of Wool; and for declaring the Law upon some Points relating to Pirates.*

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 returning my hearty Thanks to so good a Parliament, for the Dispatch which has been given to the publick Business. You will, I hope, in your private Capacities feel the Convenience of an early Recess; and I am persuaded the Publick will receive great Benefit by the seasonable Zeal and Vigour of your Resolutions in Support of my Government.

Nothing can add so much to the Credit and Influence of this Crown, both at Home and Abroad, as the repeated Instances of your Affection to me. This Steadiness and Resolution of yours will, I hope, enable me to procure, against your next Meeting, such Treaties to be concluded, as will settle Peace and Tranquillity among our Neighbours.

If, through the Blessing of God, my Endeavours to this End prove successful, I shall have the Satisfaction to silence even those who will never own themselves convinced; and to let all the World see plainly, that what I have most at Heart, is the Good and Welfare of my People, who may then be eased in their Taxes, and enriched by their Trade.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must return you my particular Thanks for the Supplies you have so cheerfully granted and for the late Instance of your Confidence in me. I promise you that my Endeavours shall not be wanting to make use of both to the best Advantage for the Good of my People.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Practices which are daily used by a most restless and unhappy Set of Men to disturb a Government by whose Clemency they are protected, require our utmost Attention and Vigilance. I must therefore recommend it to you, that in your several Stations, and Countries, you will endeavour to quell that Spirit of Disaffection, which our common Enemies are so industrious to foment.

And then the Lord Chancellour, by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HIS Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure is, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Twentieth Day of May next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to Tuesday the Twentieth Day of May next.

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