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Westminster, November 11.

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 Sanderson, 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,

SINCE your last Recess, I have, by the Blessing of Almighty God, concluded such Terms and Conditions of Peace and Alliance between the greatest Princes of Europe, as will, in all human Appearance, induce others to follow their Example, and make any Attempts to disturb the publick Tranquillity, not only dangerous but impracticable.

These Engagements, I am perswaded, will be so much the more agreeable to all my good Subjects, as they bind the contracting Powers to support the Succession to these Kingdoms in My Family, to which some were not at all, and others not so fully bound by any former Treaties.

During the whole Course of these Negotiations, a most strict Regard has been had to the Interests of Spain, and better Conditions have been stipulated for that King, than were insisted upon in his Behalf even at the Treaty of Utrecht; but the War in Hungary (which by our Mediation is since happily ended) having tempted the Court of Spain unjustly to attack the Emperor, and the Hopes they have since conceived of raising Disturbances in Great Britain, France, and elsewhere, having encouraged them to believe, that We should not be able to act in Pursuance of Our Treaties, for the Defence of the Dominions invaded by them, nor even to support those other essential and necessary Conditions of the Treaty of Utrecht, which provide against the great Monarchies of Europe, being at any Time hereafter United under one Sovereign; they have not only persisted in such a notorious Violation of the publick Peace and Tranquillity, but have rejected all Our amicable Proposals, and have broke through their most solemn Engagements for the Security of Our Commerce.

To vindicate therefore the Faith of Our former Treaties, as well as to maintain those which We have lately made, and to protect and defend the Trade of My Subjects, which has in every Branch been violently and unjustly oppressed, it became necessary for Our Naval Forces to check their Progress. It was reasonable to hope, that the Success of Our Arms, the repeated Offers of Friendship, which I have never ceased to make in the most pressing manner, and the Measures taken in Concert with the Emperor, and the most Christian King, to restore the publick Tranquillity, would have produced a better Disposition in the Court of Spain; but I have received Informations, that

instead of listening to Our reasonable Terms of Accommodation, that Court has lately given Orders at all the Ports of Spain, and of the West-Indies, to fit out Privateers, and to take Our Ships.

I am perswaded that a British Parliament will enable Me to resent such Treatment, as becomes us; and it is with Pleasure that I can assure you of the ready and friendly Resolutions of our good Brother the Regent of France, to concur and join with Me in the most vigorous Measures.

The firm Confidence I repose in the Affections of My People, together with My earnest Desire to ease them of every Charge not absolutely necessary, determined Me, immediately after the Exchange of the Ratifications of Our great Alliance, to make a very considerable Reduction of Our Land-Forces; nor could I, better express, than by so doing, how little We apprehend the Attempts of Our Enemies to disturb the Peace of My Kingdoms, even though Spain should think fit to continue some time in War, Our Naval Force employed in Concert with Our Allies will, I trust in God, soon put a happy End to the Troubles which the ambitious Views of that Court have begun, and secure to My Subjects the Execution of the many Treaties in force relating to Our Commerce.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must desire you to grant Me such Supplies, as will enable Me to carry on the Service of the Year. I have given Orders to have the proper Estimates laid before you, whereby you will perceive I have reduced the Expence as much as Our Circumstances can well admit. I have the Pleasure to observe to you, that the Funds appropriated for Sinking the publick Debts, have answered above Expectation. I must however recommend to you to consider of proper Methods for Improving them, by preventing the Frauds and Abuses daily committed in the publick Revenues, not doubting but in all your Proceedings, you will have that Regard to the inviolable Preservation of the Publick Credit, which may quiet the Minds of all those that have trusted to Parliamentary Engagements.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

There never was a Time when your Unanimity, your Vigour, and Dispatch, were more necessary to so many good Ends, as those We have now in View. I have done My Part. It remains with you to give the last Finishing to this great Work. Our Friends and Our Enemies, both at Home and Abroad, are waiting the Event of your Resolutions: And I dare promise My Self, that the first have nothing to apprehend, nor the others to hope from your Conduct in this important Juncture, who have, during the whole Course of My Reign, given such lively Proofs of your Zeal and Affection to My Person, and of your Love to your Country.

Genoa, Nov. 8. We have an Account from Leghorne, that on the 4th arrived there His Britannick Majesty's Ships Rupert and Dreadnought,

nought, with General Wachtendonk and 15 Transports having on board German Troops. On the 5th at Night those Men of War, Captain Field Commadore, and Transports, sailed for Melazzo. Yesterday came into this Port the Leopold, an Imperial Man of War, which is to take under her Convoy the Barks which lie hereabouts, and which will be ready to sail on the 10th Instant for Melazzo. This Evening Captain Vanbrug sailed from hence for Port-Mahon, according to the Orders he had received from Sir George Byng. Letters from Naples of the 28th patt advise, that the Regiment of Foot of Odwier, and that of Cuirassiers of Hanover, were arrived there from the Milaneze, and were to imbark in a Day or two for Melazzo; and that the Marquess Roma's Regiment of Dragoons was marched to Calabria, to imbark at Reggio. 2500 Piemontese and Swiss, had been transported from Reggio to Syracuse.

Copenhagen, Nov. 12. On the 10th Instant arrived here Mr. Jefferies, who is going to Petersburg with a Commission from the Court of Great Britain. The King of Denmark, at the Instances of the Lord Polwarth, the British Minister, has given Order for setting at Liberty several Merchant-Ships with their Cargoes, which had been seized by Danish Privateers.

Hague, Nov. 18. On the 12th Instant the Marquess de Beretti Landi, Ambassadour of Spain, had a Conference with the Deputies of the States General, to whom he made a Speech, and communicated to them a Letter from Cardinal Alberoni, dated the 24th of last Month, to dissuade them from entering into the Quadruple Alliance. The States of the Province of Holland are assembled, and to Day they filled up their military Employments that were vacant. The Marquess de Prié is to have a Conference to Morrow with the Deputies of the States General, at which the Earl of Cadogan and Mr. Whitworth will be present: And as there is but one Point, and that of no great Importance, remaining to be settled, 'tis believed the last Hand will be then put to the Convention for the Execution of the Barrier-Treaty.

The following eight Persons are chosen Directors of the Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office for the Year ensuing: William Birkes, John Hargrave, Tho. Jordan, Tho. Malyn, Esq; Francon Burton, Col. John Ellis, John Meard, John Turner. The 16 following are continued according to the Deed of Settlement: Robert Andrews; John Blencow, William Clerke, Henry Clifton, Major Robert Croshaw, Tho. Davis, John Wells, Geo. Wingfield, James Buffar, Tho. Craddock, Joseph Dawson, Phil. Hollingworth, William Hicks, Esq; James Read, George Walter, Esq; Major Joseph Warrs.

The Committee for Letting the City's Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London, give Notice, that they intend to Let by Lease Two Messuages or Tenements in Aldermanbury Postern, in the Possession of Thomas Booker and Charles Bishop, known by the Signs

of the Crown and Barber's Poll adjoining; Two Messuages or Tenements in the Passage leading out of Leadenhall-Market into Lime-street, fronting Cullum-freet, one in the Possession of John Howland, and the other in the Possession of Whitehead; One Messuage or Tenement in Lime-street, the Corner of the said Passage, in the Possession of Caleb Hughes; And one Messuage or Tenement without Cripplegate, adjoining to the Swan and Helmet, in the Possession of William Sell; And that the said Committee will sit in the Council-Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 19th Instant, at Four in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals for the said Premises severally; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid.

Advertisements.

†† The Present State of Europe, containing an Historical and Political Account of the Interests, Pretensions, and Transactions of the several Courts: For the Month of October, 1718. Vol. 29. To be continued Monthly from the Original Published at the Hague. Printed for H. Rhodes, at the Corner of Bride-lane in Fleet-street, and the Assigns of Eliz. Harris.

Several Freehold Messuages and Tenements, and about an Acre and an half of void Ground, situate in or near New Gravel-Lane, Shadwell, (late the Estate of Thomas Rouse, Gentleman, deceased) being about the yearly Value of 1750l. will be sold by Decree of the High Court of Chancery, to the best Bidder, before John Bennett, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, on Friday the 11th of December next, at Four in the Afternoon. Particulars of the said Estate may be had at the said Master's House in Chancery-Lane.

THE Estate late of John Caldecot, deceased, in Burghill, in the County of Hereford, being Freehold, and of the yearly of 45 l. is, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, to be sold before Sir Thomas Gery, Kt. one of the Masters of the said Court, at his House in Old Southampton-Buildings near Chancery-Lane; where Particulars of the said Estate may be had;

Notice is hereby given to the Creditors of John Rooke, late of London, Dyer, deceased, that they do come in and prove their Debts before William Fellowes, Esq; one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, at the said Master's Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn, in order to have the same paid and satisfied out of the said John Rooke's Estate, pursuant to a Decree of the said Court.

A Freehold Estate in Lands in Norton, in Staffordshire, of between 50 and 60 l. per Annum, with a new Holc and Out-Houses, part of the Estate late of Francis Manbury, Esq; deceased, is to be sold by Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Orlebar, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court: Particulars may be had at the said Master's Chambers in Chancery-Lane.

THIS further Notice is given to the Creditors of David Evans, late of St. Clement's Dances, in the County of Middlesex, Taylor, deceased, that, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, they do prove their respective Debts before John Meller, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, by the 15th of May next, and pay their Contribution-Money; or otherwise they will be excluded from the Benefit of such Decree.

THE Subscribers to the Undertaking for producing Raw Silk of the Growth of England, are desired to meet at Mr. Foulkes's, at the Apple-Tree in Curfitor's-Alley in Chancery Lane, on Monday the 24th Instant, at Ten in the Morning, to choose Directors, pursuant to the Proposals.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against George Woodburne, of London, Victualler, and he being declared a Bankrupt; the Commissioners intend to meet on the 18th Instant, at Nine in the Forenoon, at Peele's Coffee-House near Fetter-lane in Fleet-street, London; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-Money: All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person but whom the Commissioners shall appoint.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Anthony Atkinson, Jan. late of Leeds, in the County of York, Mercer, intend to meet on the 10th of December next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, 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.