

An Act for amending the Roads from the Stones-End in Southwark to Highgate at the Entrance of Ashdown Forest in the Parishes of East-Grinfield, in the County of Sussex, and from Kingston to Burton Common; and also the Lane leading from Woodhatch to Sioflow Mill and the Lanes called Horsehills, Bonehurst alias Boners and Peteridge Lanes in the County of Surrey by enlarging the Terms granted by two former Acts, one of the 4th and the other of the 6th Year of His Majesty's Reign.

And to 14 private Bills.

After which His Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Unanimity Chearfulness and Dispatch with which you have now finished every thing I recommended to you at the Opening this Session are fresh Instances of your Affection to my Person and Government and cannot fail of contributing, with the Blessing of God on our Endeavours, towards the Establishment of that happy Tranquility we now enjoy both at Home and Abroad.

Your continuing the like National Force by Sea and Land this Year, as was judged necessary by Parliament for the Service of the last, gives me great Satisfaction: You have thereby wisely provided against the Mischiefs from any sudden Shocks to Publick Credit; you have provided for the Safety of the Kingdom, and have enabled this Nation to hold, among the Powers of Europe, the Rank and Figure due to her Honour and Dignity. Nothing could have been more acceptable to me, than your having been able to make that Provision without laying any New or Additional Burthens on my People.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my Thanks for the Care and Pains you have taken towards augmenting the Sinking Fund and improving the Publick Revenues, by putting them under a stricter Management I make no doubt but that the happy Beginning you have made will be attended with such immediate good Consequences, as will encourage you to pursue the Way you have now opened for a gradual Reduction of the Debt, and for putting the Trade and Navigation of Great Britain on such a foot, as may not only in some measure discourage the unjustifiable Encroachments they labour under from some of our Neighbours, but at the same time extend her Exportations beyond what has been known in former Ages.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

As the early Recess, which your Diligence and Unanimity has procured you affords you the Opportunity of a longer Retirement into the Country, than the Business of former Sessions has usually allowed of; I assure myself, that you will carry with you thither the same Zeal for the Publick Good, with which you have been animated in Parliament; and that you will make it your Business to discountenance any Remains there may be yet left of Sedition or Disaffection, and to promote that perfect Harmony and Confidence between me and my People, which I most earnestly desire, and on which our mutual Happiness entirely depends.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this present Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the 4th Day of June next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 4th Day of June next.

Lisbon April 19 N S. By an Express from the Portuguez Embay at London, this Court received the 14th Instant Advice (which was brought to England by a Ship from Malabar) of the Death of Sig Francisco Sampayo de Mello, Viceroy at Goa. But as the two Ships designed for those Parts this Year, one of 60 the other of 30 Guns, can be no longer detained for fear of losing their Monsoon, his Portuguez Majesty has deferred appointing any new Viceroy till the next Year, when it is said that Employment will be conferred on the Visconde de Ponte Lima. In the mean time Directions are sent to the Bishop at Goa, to take that Government on him till further Orders. The two India Ships above mentioned, as also the Fleet intended for the Rio de Janeiro, under the Convoy of the Madre de Deos a Man of War of 70 Guns, are fallen down into the Bay of Wares, and wait only for a favourable Wind in order to proceed on their Voyage. The Rufario, another Portuguez Man of War of 40 Guns, which was designed to serve as a second Convoy to the Rio Fleet, is detained here till his Majesty shall have named the Governours for the Rio de Janeiro and the Mines, which it is believed will not be done till the Return of an Advice-Boat lately dispatched to those Parts.

Madrid April 17, N S. Yesterday being Easter Sunday, there were Fireworks and Illuminations at the Buco Retiro, by Way of Rejoycing