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Westminster, July 17.

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 Charles Dalton 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 the better Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain.

An Act for enabling His Majesty to settle a Revenue for supporting the Royal Dignity of the Queen, in Case she shall survive His Majesty.

An Act to enable His Majesty to be Governour of the South-Sea Company.

An Act for continuing the Imprisonment of Robert Blackburne and others, for the horrid Conspiracy to assassinate the Person of his late Sacred Majesty King William the Third, of Glorious Memory.

An Act for making further Provisions to enable Persons possessed of Offices at the Demise of His late Majesty, to qualify themselves for the Enjoyment of such Offices; and for altering and explaining the Acts of Parliament therein mentioned in relation to qualifying Persons for continuing in Offices, and to the Continuance of the Sheriffs of the County of Cornwall, and County Palatine of Chester, and several other Officers therein mentioned, after the Demise of His late Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and for continuing such Laws as would expire at the End of this Session of Parliament.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I cannot but express the greatest Satisfaction in the convincing Proofs you have given Me, in this Session, of your Duty and Affection to my Person, and Zeal for my Government.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons, I must particularly thank you for your Unity and Dispatch, in granting me the Re-

venues necessary for the Support of my Family, and the Occasions of my Civil Government; which you have done in a Manner so very agreeable; and with such a due Regard to the Honour and Dignity of the Crown; that if any thing could add to my own Inclinations of making the Happiness of my Subjects my principal Care and Study, this Instance of your particular Confidence in me, would engage me more strongly to make use of the Power you have given me of doing good, in promoting the Honour and Interest of my People.

The ample Provision you have made for the Queen is another Instance of your Regard for me, which I am confident she will very well deserve, and I shall always acknowledge.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is a great Happiness to me to see the Nation in so prosperous and flourishing a Condition, at the highest Pitch of Glory and Reputation, of great Weight in holding the Balance of Europe, defending themselves in their just Privileges and Possessions, and vindicating the Honour of the Crown of Great Britain.

At Home I find, among my Protestant Subjects, such mutual Charity and Forbearance diffused throughout the Kingdom, that the National Church repines not at the Indulgence given to scrupulous Consciences; and those that receive the Benefits of the Toleration, envy not the Established Church the Rights and Privileges which they by Law enjoy.

From these happy Causes and favourable Conjunctions has flowed that general Tranquility, that Rise of publick Credit, and that Improvement of Trade and Commerce, which have greatly increased our Wealth and Power, and given us that Respect and Influence abroad, which has so much advanced the Glory and Happiness of this Nation.

But all these Blessings, great and valuable as they are, had not been secured and transmitted to Us, without your having carefully avoided all Occasions of Strife and Division, without a strict Regard to publick Faith, a constant Care and Attention towards discharging the National Debt, and without that singular Steadiness and Resolution, which this Parliament has shewed upon all proper and necessary Occasions.

I can therefore make no doubt, but that your Behaviour, and the Temper you have shewn, will sufficiently recommend this Parliament to the Esteem and good Opinion of the