

til the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and for discovering his Estate, and Effects; and to prevent the transporting, or alienating the same; and for committing the aforesaid William Burroughs to the Prison of the Fleet, until he shall have complied with the Directions of this Act.

An Act for appointing Commissioners for taking, stating, and determining all the Claims and Demands of the Creditors of the Charitable Corporation for Relief of Industrious Poor by assisting them with small Sums upon Pledges at legal Interest, and of all Persons claiming any Share or Interest in the Stock or Fund of the said Corporation; and for enabling the said Corporation to name one Person to be an Assignee under the respective Commissions of Bankruptcy awarded against George Robinson, and John Thomson; and for enabling the Commissioners acting under the said Commissions of Bankruptcy to proceed, and enquire of the Estates, Goods, and Effects of the said Bankrupts; and to apply the same; and to oblige John Thomson, Father of the said John Thomson the Bankrupt, to appear before the said Commissioners of Bankruptcy in England.

An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act to prevent frivolous and vexatious Arrests.

An Act to prevent the committing of Frauds by Bankrupts.

An Act to prevent the Exportation of Hats out of any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America, and to restrain the Number of Apprentices taken by the Hatmakers in the said Colonies or Plantations, and for the better encouraging the making Hats in Great Britain.

An Act for the better and more easy rebuilding of the Town of Blandford-Forum in the County of Dorset, and for determining Differences touching Houses and Buildings burnt down or demolished by Reason of the late dreadful Fire there.

An Act for the better and more easy Rebuilding of the Town of Tiverton in the County of Devon, and for determining Differences touching Houses and Buildings burnt down or demolished by reason of the late dreadful Fire there, and for the better preventing Dangers from Fire for the future.

An Act for Repairing and Amending the Road leading from the Town of Manchester in the County Palatine of Lancaster, through the Town of Ashton under Line, and the Parish of Mottram Longdendale, and from thence to Salter's Brook in the County Palatine of Chester.

An Act for the effectual repairing the Highways between Dunstable and Hockcliffe in the County of Bedford, by enlarging the Term and Powers granted by two former Acts, one of the Ninth, and the other of the Twelfth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne.

An Act to enlarge the Pier and Harbour of Scarborough, in the County of York.

An Act for enlarging the Term granted by an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, for rebuilding the Pier and Harbour of Parton in the County of Cumberland.

An Act for rendering more effectual an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act for improving the Navigation of the River Ouze, in the County of York.

And to Twenty Eight private Bills.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

YOU having now dispatched all the Publick Business that it was practicable for you to go through with at present, and the Season of the Year being so far advanced, I believe it will not be disagreeable to you, that I give you an Opportunity of retiring into the Country, by putting an End to this Session of Parliament.

It is unnecessary for me to represent to you the happy State and Situation of Publick Affairs both at home and abroad. You must all be sensible of what is universally seen and felt in the full Enjoyment of a general Peace. The Concurrence of the States General in the late Treaty of Vienna has perfected the Establishment of the publick Tranquillity, as far as human Prudence can foresee or provide; and a faithful Observance and Execution of the Treaties and Alliances now subsisting among the several Princes and Powers of Europe, free from groundless Jealousies, and void of all ambitious Views, will be the most effectual Means to continue and preserve these Blessings to us.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my Thanks for the Provisions you have made for the Defence and Security of the Kingdom, and for carrying on the Service of the current Year. It is a great Satisfaction to me to see you have turned your Thoughts towards raising the necessary Supplies, by such Methods as may be the least burthenome to my People: And as this cannot but be received in the Country as a most grateful and acceptable Service, I hope it will encourage you to pursue such Measures for the future, as may on all Occasions render the Supplies that shall be necessary, as equal and easy as is possible.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It being necessary for me to visit my German Dominions this Year, I have determined to leave the Queen Regent here during my Absence; and I doubt not but it will be your Endeavours to make the Government as easy