

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,
THE Dispatch you have given to the publick Business, and the advanced Season of the Year, make it proper to put an End to this Session of Parliament.

I acquainted you, at your first Meeting, that Preliminary Articles had been concluded between the Emperour, and the most Christian King; since which Time, a further Convention, concerning the Execution of them, hath been made, and communicated to me, by both those Courts, and Negotiations are carrying on, by the several Powers engaged in the late War, in order to settle the general Pacification.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my Thanks for the Provisions you have made for the Service of the current Year; you can never better recommend yourselves to my Esteem, and to the good Opinion of those you represent, than by raising the Supplies necessary for the Support of my Government, and for the Service of the Publick, in a Manner the most effectual, and the least burthenfome to my People.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is a great Concern to me, to see such Seeds of Dissension sown among my good People, as, if not timely prevented, may prove very prejudicial to the Peace and Quiet of my Kingdoms; it is my Desire, and shall be my Care, to preserve the present Constitution in Church and State, as by Law established, perfect and entire, and not to countenance any Attempts to the Prejudice of either. Good Harmony, and mutual Affection, among all the Protestants of this Nation, have been the great Security of the present happy Establishment, from the Revolution to this Time; by this united Strength they will be able to resist the secret and open Attempts of our common Enemies, but divided, they may become a Prey to them. My Protection shall be impartially dispensed to all my Subjects, in the full Enjoyment of their religious and civil Rights; let it be your Care, by your Conduct in your several Stations, to make my Endeavours for your common Happiness effectual.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It being necessary for me to visit my Dominions in Germany again this Year, I have resolved to appoint the Queen Regent here, during my Absence. The Experience you

have already had of her just and prudent Administration, will, I doubt not, engage you all to make the Weight of the publick Affairs as easy to her, as her wise Conduct will render the Government agreeable to you; and this I recommend to you in a particular Manner.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the Twenty ninth Day of July next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twenty ninth Day of July next.

Whitehall, May 18.

This Day Dr. Adams, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, attended by a great Number of Bishops, Noblemen, Heads of Colleges, Doctors in the several Faculties, Masters of Arts, and other Members of that learned Body, were at St. James's in their Formalities, to congratulate his Majesty upon the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with the Princess of Saxe-Gotha; and the Vice-Chancellor presented to his Majesty an Address and a Book of Verses from the University upon that Occasion.

To the King's most excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most loyal Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of your University of Cambridge, always ambitious to pay our Duty to your Majesty, and gratefully Acknowledge your Goodness to your People, do with the greatest Pleasure appear before your Majesty upon this happy Occasion.

The Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with a Princess of that illustrious Family which protected and supported those who so eminently and successfully opposed the Corruptions and Tyranny of the Church of Rome, evidently shews to the World the great Regard which your Majesty entertains for the Protestant Religion, and your Care to transmit the Blessings of your Reign to future Ages.

As the Memory of that noble Prince John Frederick, Elector of Saxony, whose Virtue and heroic Constancy were admired even by his Enemies, must be highly honoured by all Protestants,