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Westminster, April 29.

**H**IS 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 granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Million out of the Sinking Fund for the Service of the Year 1740; and for enabling his Majesty to raise the further Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds out of the growing Produce of the said Fund; and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of Twenty one thousand Pounds one Shilling and eight Pence half Penny, remaining in the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer, arisen by Sale of Lands in the Island of Saint Christophers; and for the further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.*

*An Act for continuing the several Laws therein mentioned, relating to the Premiums upon the Importation of Masts, Yards, and Bowsprits, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine; to British made Sail Cloth, and the Duties payable on Foreign Sail Cloth; to the Greenland and to the Whale Fishery; for granting a further Bounty for all Ships employed in the Whale Fishery during the present War; for exempting Harpooners, and others employed in the Greenland Fishery Trade from being impressed; and for giving further Time for the Payment of Duties omitted to be paid for the Indentures and Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices.*

*An Act for prohibiting Commerce with Spain.*

*An Act for amending and enforcing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons, and for reducing the same into one Act of Parliament; and also for amending the Laws for erecting, providing and regulating Houses of Correction.*

*An Act to restrain and prevent the excessive Increase of Horse Races; and for amending an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intitled, An Act for the more effectual preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming.*

*An Act for further and more effectually preventing the wilful and malicious Destruction of Collieries and Coal Works.*

*An Act to continue several Laws therein mentioned, for punishing such Persons as shall wilfully and maliciously pull down or destroy Turnpikes for repairing Highways, or Locks, or other Works erected by Authority of Parliament, for making Rivers navigable; for preventing Exactions of the Occupiers of Locks and Weirs upon the River of Thames Westward, and for ascertaining the*

*Rates of Water Carriage upon the said River; for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arrests; and for better securing the lawful Trade of his Majesty's Subjects to and from the East Indies, and for the more effectual preventing all his Majesty's Subjects trading thither under foreign Commissions; and for limiting the Time for suing forth Writs of Certiorari upon Proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and for regulating the Time and Manner of applying for the same; for the better and more speedy Execution of Process within particular Franchises or Liberties, and for extending the Powers and Authorities of Justices of the Peace of Counties touching County Rates to the Justices of the Peace of such Liberties and Franchises as have Commissions of the Peace within themselves.*

*An Act for the Increase of Mariners and Seamen to navigate Merchant-ships and other trading Ships or Vessels.*

*An Act for more effectually preventing fraudulent Qualifications of Persons to vote as Freeholders in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for such Cities and Towns as are Counties of themselves in that Part of Great Britain called England.*

*An Act for confirming and enlarging the Powers granted by his Majesty to the Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of exposed and deserted young Children by his Majesty's most gracious Charter, bearing Date the 17th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord 1739, and to enable them to execute the good Purposes of the said Charter.*

*An Act to give further Powers to the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames from the City of Westminster to the opposite Shore in the County of Surry, and to enable them to raise a further Sum of Money towards finishing the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them.*

*An Act for the more effectual Maintenance and well keeping of Staines Bridge and Egham Causeway, being the Highway from London to the West Parts of England.*

*An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers granted and given by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intitled, An Act for repairing the Road leading from Dunchurch in the County of Warwick, to the bottom of Meriden Hill in the same County, and for making the said Act more effectual.*

*An Act for continuing and making more effectual an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, for repairing the Roads from the Top of Stoken Church Hill to Enslow Bridge, and the Road from Wheatly Bridge through the City of Oxford by Bedbrook to New Woodstock in the County of Oxford (except the Mile Way on each*