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Westminster, November 18.

**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 make the following most gracious Speech:

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**T**HE present important Conjunction of Affairs will, I am persuaded, be thought a sufficient Reason, for calling you thus early together.

I have, in pursuance of the repeated Advice of my Parliament, taken such a Part, as appeared to me most conducive to the Support of the House of Austria, and to the Restoring and Securing the Balance of Power. In this View, I ordered a considerable Body of Troops to be sent from hence into Flanders; and, at the Close of the last Session, I foresaw, and pointed out to you, That it might be incumbent upon me, to enter into further Measures for the same great, and desirable Ends. The Augmentation of our Strength, in the Low Countries, became a necessary Step; for which Purpose I sent, in Concert with my Allies, Sixteen Thousand of my Electoral Troops thither, with the Hessians in the British Pay, in order to form such a Force, in Conjunction with the Austrian Troops, as might be of Service to the Common Cause, in all Events; and I doubt not, but I shall have your Assistance in the Support of these necessary Measures.

The Magnanimity, and Firmness, of the Queen of Hungary, notwithstanding so many numerous Armies sent against her; the resolute Conduct of the King of Sardinia, and his strict Adherence to his Engagements, though attacked in his own Dominions; the Stop, which has been hitherto put, to the ambitious Designs of the Court of Spain in Italy; (to which the Operations of my Fleet, in the Mediterranean, have so visibly contributed;) the Change of Affairs in the North, which has appeared by the Publick Requisition, made by Sweden, of my good Offices, for procuring a Peace between Russia and that Crown; and the Defensive Al-

liances agreed upon, not only between me and the Czarina, but also between me and the King of Prussia, are Events, which could not have been expected, if Great Britain had not shewn a seasonable Spirit, and Vigour, in Defence and Assistance of its ancient Allies; and in the Maintenance of the Liberties of Europe, as well as of its own true, and lasting Interest,

*Gentlemen, of the House of Commons,*

I have ordered the proper Estimates, for the Service of the ensuing Year, to be prepared, and laid before you; and also an Account of the Expence of those particular Services, which I have already mentioned, and which you will find to have been concerted, in as frugal a Manner, as the Nature of them would admit. I am persuaded, that you will readily grant me such Supplies, as shall be found necessary for the Security, and Welfare, of the Nation; requisite for the Support of the Common Cause; and adequate to the present Emergency.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

The Importance of your Deliberations, at this Time, is so evident, that I will say Nothing to enforce it. The Honour, and Interest, of my Crown, and Kingdoms; the Success of the War, wherein I am engaged against Spain; and the Re-establishment of the Balance and Tranquillity of Europe, will greatly depend on the Prudence and Vigour of your Resolutions. Let it be your Care to avoid every thing that may either delay or weaken them; and to convince the World, that you are determined to make a right Use of the present Opportunity.

*Moscow, Oct. 18.* Yesterday Dr. Smith, Physician to the Guards, set out for the Castle of Jerusalem (about 300 West from this City) by Order of her Czars Majesty, to attend the late Duke of Courland and his Consort, who are both ill there.

*Vienna, Nov. 7.* By the last Accounts we had, the Great Duke was at Retz, and the French at Napsberg. The latter are supposed to be intending to gain Kelheim, Ingolstadt, and Donawerth, by passing the Danube at Thunardorf below Ratisbon. Prince Lobeowitz's last Letters were from Rakonitz, and it is thought he will by this time have summoned Prague, from whence M. de Broglio is retired to take the Command of the Army in Bavaria. There is Advice,