

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Zeal, Prudence, and Dispatch, with which you have carried on the Publick Business, during the Course of this Session, give me the greatest Satisfaction.

That this Nation, and the Common Cause, may reap the most beneficial Fruits of your vigorous Resolutions, I have, at the Requisition of the Queen of Hungary, ordered my Army, in Conjunction with the Austrian Troops, to pass the Rhine, as Auxiliaries to her Hungarian Majesty, and for her Support and Assistance; and to oppose any dangerous Measures, that might affect the Balance and Liberties of Europe, or hinder the Re-establishment of the publick Tranquility, upon just and solid Foundations. I have continued a strong Squadron in the Mediterranean, and another in the West Indies, in order to carry on the great Work of distressing our Eemies, the Spaniards, and reducing them to safe and honourable Terms of Peace; as well as of maintaining the Rights of Navigation and Commerce belonging to my Subjects: And from the former of these Squadrons, my Allies in Italy have found, and still continue to receive, a most useful and advantageous Support.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you my Thanks for the ample Supplies, which you have granted for the Service of the current Year, and which, you may be assured, shall be applied to those great Ends for which they were given.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have a firm Confidence in your good Affections; and it is the fix'd Purpose of my Heart to promote the true Interest and Happiness of my Kingdoms. In Return for this, I expect, on your Part, that you will exert your best Endeavours, in your respective Stations, to render my Government easy, and to preserve the Peace and Quiet of the Nation.

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 Tuesday the Seventh Day of June next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Seventh Day of June next.

Stockholm, April 8, O. S. Lieut. Sheffer, who, together with another Express went to Abo, with the last Instructions sent to the Swedish Plenipotentiaries, returned hither on Monday Evening last.

Vienna, April 17, N. S. We reckon that Prince Charles is by this Time arrived at the Army in the Upper Palatinate, from whence we are every Minute expecting the Account of an Action about Weyden, where Prince Lobcowitz was waiting for the coming up of the Detachment marching under the Command of Marshal Broglio to the Relief of Egra, in order to give them Battle. Prince Lobcowitz is supposed to have 15,000 Men, and Marshal Broglio as many. The Queen sets out for Prague the 25th Instant.

Mentz, April 21. On the 18th the French began to pass the Rhine at Fort Louis, and marched towards Bruchsal: They were supposed to be about 16,000 strong.

Mentz, April 23. Yesterday the Election came on here for the Filling up the Vacancy of this Archbishoprick and Electorate! At Seven in the Evening all the Troops of the Garrison were drawn up in the Avenues from the Palace to the Cathedral, called the Dome, where the Chapter assembled about Ten, and unanimously conferred on Count Ostein their High Treasurer, the Dignities above-mentioned. The excessive bad Weather of the Day very much interrupted the Order and Magnificence of the usual Procession on this Occasion; the only regular Ceremony without Doors, was that of the Ringauers. These People are Subjects of this Electorate, but have some very particular and great Privileges; among the rest, on the Demise of an Elector, they take Possession of the Palace, and have a Right to retain it as long as the Vacancy lasts; but as that has generally been a great while, and the attendant Expences to them heavy, they only keep Guard there two or three Days before the Election: When the new chosen Elector comes near, they shut up the Gates of the Court Yard, and their two chief Officers, called the Burgrave and Vice-dome, go up to the State Coach with the Charter of their Privileges in their Hands; at the same time they tender an Oath to him, that he shall religiously observe their said Charter and Privileges, which were granted to them at a Time when two Electors were chosen by a Division in the Chapter; one of which being soon after drove out of the Residence, found Refuge with these Ringauers, and the Death of the other happening in a short Time, was by them restored to and confirmed in his Dignity.

Neuwied, April 24, N. S. His Excellency the Earl of Stair having pass'd by Bonn in his Way hither, was most graciously received there by the Elector of Cologne, and arrived at this Place Yesterday in perfect Health, notwithstanding the bad Weather and Roads. Marshal Neipperg is already here, and the Duke d'Artemberg is expected every Hour.

Hambourg, April 26, N. S. Letters from Ratisbon of the 18th Instant, N. S. advise, that