

the better enabling them to finish the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them.

An Act for repairing the Road from Birmingham in the County of Warwick (through Elmdon) to a Lane leading by the End of Stone Bridge in the said County.

An Act to repair the Road leading from Tadcaster Bridge, within the County of the City of York, to a Place near the said City called Hob Moor Lane End.

An Act to repair and widen the Road leading from Godmanchester, in the County of Huntingdon, through Fen Stanton and Cambridge, to the First Rubbing House on New Market Heath, in the County of Cambridge.

An Act for continuing, amending, and making more effectual an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King George the First, for repairing the Roads leading from Birmingham to Edgehill in the County of Warwick.

An Act for rendering more effectual the several Acts passed for the erecting of Hospitals and Workhouses within the City of Bristol, for the better employing and maintaining of the Poor thereof.

An Act to explain, amend, and make more effectual the Laws in being to prevent excessive and deceitful Gaming, and to restrain and prevent the excessive Increase of Horse Races.

An Act to repeal a Clause in an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, relating to Carts used by Persons inhabiting within the Limits of the Weekly Bills of Mortality; and to allow such Carts to be drawn with three Horses; and to prevent the Misbehaviour of the Drivers of Carts in Streets within the said Limits.

And to Seventeen Private Bills.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Zeal, Unanimity and Dispatch of your Proceedings, having brought the publick Business to a happy Conclusion, and the Season of the Year being so far advanced, it is necessary that I should put an End to this Session of Parliament.

It is a particular Satisfaction to me, to be able to acquaint you, that since the Beginning of it, the Posture of Affairs Abroad has received a very considerable Alteration, to the Advantage of the Common Cause.

The late Successes of the Austrian Arms in Germany, and the Conclusion of an Accommodation between the Queen of Hungary and the Elector of Bavaria, have laid the best Foundations for a further happy Progress.

By these Events, the Influence of France in the Empire is much weakened and diminish'd; and a Way is opened to restore that Strength and Power to our ancient and natural Allies, which will tend greatly to the Re-establishment and Security of the Balance of Europe.

The Resolutions, which have been taken by my good Friends the States-General of the

United Provinces, for exerting their Efforts in Concert with me; and the Engagements they have entered into, for settling the Proportions of Forces and Expence, cannot fail to give Spirit and Vigour to the Operations of our Armies.

From these good Beginnings, I hope, by the Blessing of God on the Justice of our Cause, this Campaign will be attended with such Success, as to defeat the ambitious and destructive Projects of the House of Bourbon, formed against the Liberties of Europe, and particularly levelled against my Kingdoms. In this View I am determined, in Conjunction with my Allies, vigorously to prosecute this just and necessary War, in order to the procuring a safe and honourable Peace.

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Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I entirely rely on your Duty, Fidelity, and good Affections, of which I have had so many convincing Proofs. Let it be your Care to cultivate and promote the same good Dispositions in your several Countries, to support my Government, and to preserve the Peace and good Order of the Kingdom, as it shall ever be mine to advance and secure your lasting Prosperity and Happiness.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

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

AT the Court at St. James's, the 1st Day of May 1745.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council this Day declaring his Intention of going out of the Kingdom for a short Time, was pleased to nominate the following Persons to be Lords Justices for the Administration of the Government during his Majesty's Absence.

John Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.
Philip Lord Hardwicke, Lord Chancellor
Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord President.
John Lord Gower, Lord Privy Seal.
William Duke of Devonshire, Lord Steward
Charles Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain
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