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Westminster, August 12.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the Houle 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 a certain Sum of Money out of the Sinking Fund, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and forty six; and for enabling his Majesty to raise a further Sum of Money for the Uses and Purpose therein mentioned; and for the further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer Bills, Lottery Tickets, Receipts, Annuity Orders, or other Orders lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

An Act for the further Punishment of Persons going armed or disguised, in Defiance of the Laws of Customs or Excise; and for indemnifying Offenders against those Laws upon the Terms in this Act mentioned; and for the Relief of Officers of the Customs in Informations upon Seizures.

An Act more effectually to prohibit and prevent Pastors or Ministers from officiating in Episcopal Meeting Houses in Scotland, without duly qualifying themselves according to Law, and to punish Persons for resorting to any Meeting Houses where such unqualified Pastors or Ministers shall officiate.

An Act for the more effectual disarming the Highlands in Scotland, and for more effectual securing the Peace of the said Highlands, and for restraining the Use of the Highland Dress; and for further indemnifying such Persons as have acted in Defence of his Majesty's Person and Government during the unnatural Rebellion; and for indemnifying the Judges, and other Officers of the Court of Justiciary in Scotland, for not performing the Northern Circuit in May One thousand seven hundred and forty six; and for obliging the Masters and Teachers of Private Schools in Scotland to take the Oaths to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and to register the same.

An Act to allow the Purchase, for his Majesty's Use, of Naval Stores brought into this Kingdom on board neutral Ships, by any of his Majesty's Ships, and to allow such Stores to be landed and entred during the Continuance of the present Wars with France and Spain, or either of them.

An Act to regulate the Insurance on Ships belonging to the Subjects of Great Britain, and on Merchandizes or Effects laden thereon

An Act for amending the Laws relating to Bankrupts.

An Act more effectually to prevent the Frauds and Abuses committed in the Admeasurement of Coals within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and that Part of the Duchy of Lancaster adjoining thereto, and the several Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint Mary le Bon, and such Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn as lies in the County of Middlesex.

An Act to indemnify Persons who have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices, Employments and Promotions within the Time limited by Law, and for allowing further Time for that Purpose.

And to five private Bills.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Cannot put an End to this Session of Parliament, without expressing to you my entire Satisfaction in your Proceedings. The Zeal and Vigour which you have so unanimously shewn for the Support of my Government, for suppressing the late Rebellion, and for bringing the Guilty to Justice, in which you have been so universally seconded by my good Subjects, have not only fully answered my Expectations, but give me the best Assurance, that you are determined to perfect this good Work, by settling our Tranquillity at Home upon solid Foundations, and extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretender and all his Adherents.

The Powers, which you thought fit to repose in me on this Occasion, have been employed in the most proper and effectual Manner; and made strictly subservient to those Purposes only, for which you intended them: And it has pleased the Divine Providence, in a most signal Manner, to bless the Measures we have taken with Success. I am very sensible there are Matters of great Moment still behind, which are necessary for our lasting Security, and preventing the Calamities for the future; but as a Foundation is prudently laid for your Proceeding upon them in the next Session, I was unwilling to detain you longer out of your respective Countries, at this advanced Season of the Year. I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that the Posture of Affairs abroad appears more favourable than when I last spoke to you. As soon as the Safety of my own Kingdoms would permit, I sent such a Body of Troops, as could be spared from hence, to strengthen the Allied Army in the Netherlands, for the Defence of the United

