

Bridge, and from thence to the End of Gibbet Lane, next adjoining to the Township of Bilson, and from Great Bridge through Dudley to King-Swinsford, and to the further End of Brittel Lane, in the Counties of Warwick, Stafford, and Worcester.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers granted by an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act for repairing the Roads leading from the Town of Bromsgrove to the Town of Dudley, in the County of Worcester, and from the said Town of Bromsgrove to the Town of Birmingham in the County of Warwick, so far as the said Act relates to repairing the Roads leading from the Town of Birmingham to the Town of Bromsgrove in the County of Worcester, and for making the same more effectual.

An Act for repairing the high Road from Peirs Bridge to Kirkmerrington, in the County of Durham, and from thence to the Turnpike Road at Tudhoe Lane End, in the said County.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers granted by an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, for repairing the Roads from the Town of Manchester leading through Newton, Failsworth, and Oldham, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, to Austerlands in the Parish of Saddleworth, in the County of York, and for making the same more effectual.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers granted by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty for repairing the Road from Hertford Bridge Hill to the Town of Basingstoke, and also the Road from Hertford Bridge Hill aforesaid to the Town of Odiham, in the County of Southampton, and for making the said Act more effectual.

An Act for repairing the Roads leading from Sutton Colefield Common to the Town of Walsall, and from Sneats Green to Walsall, and from Walsall to Park Brook, which divides the Parishes of Wolverhampton and Walsall, and from Gibbet Lane to Wolverhampton, and from Compton to the End of the County of Stafford, and from Wolverhampton to the Wergs, and from thence to Shifnal, and from the Wergs to Hales Heath, and from Wolverhampton to Cannock Wood in the Road to Litchfield.

An Act for building a Church in the Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for enlightening and cleansing the Streets of the said Town, and for keeping and maintaining a nightly Watch there.

An Act for draining and preserving certain Fen Lands, in the several Parishes of Maney, Upwell, Welnoy, Downham, Witcham, and in a

certain extraparochial Place in Byal Fen, within the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge.

An Act for erecting Work-houses for the better employing and maintaining the Poor within the Burgh of Bury Saint Edmunds in the County of Suffolk; and for the better repairing and paving the Streets and Highways there.

And so twenty one private Bills.

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

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

AT the Opening of this Session of Parliament I informed you, that a Congress had been agreed upon by the several Powers at War; and I have now the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that Preliminaries for restoring a general Peace have been sign'd between my Minister, and those of the most Christian King, and the States General of the United Provinces; the Basis of which is a general Restitution of Conquests made, during the War, on all Sides.

In Consequence of these Preliminaries, which have been satisfied by all the contracting Parties, a Cessation of Hostilities has actually taken Place in the Low Countries, and in the Channel; and certain Periods are fixed, according to former Practice, for its Commencement in other Parts of the World.

In this important Transaction my great Views have been, steadily to adhere to the true Interests of Europe, to pursue and maintain those of my own Kingdoms in particular, and to procure for my Allies the best Terms and Conditions, that the Events of a War, in some Parts unsuccessful, did admit.

I have, in the Course of this Negotiation, acted with the most unreserved Confidence and Communication towards my Allies: And I hope, that when they shall have maturely weighed the Situation of Affairs, the Necessity from thence arising, and the Care and Attention which have been shewn for their Advantage and Security, they will not delay to accede to these Preliminary Articles, but concur in effectuating the good Work of Peace.

The vigorous and powerful Support you have given me, during this Session, towards carrying on the War, has strengthen'd my Hands, in proceeding thus far in the Measures of Peace. No Body can suggest the least Failure on the Part of Great Britain, which, not only for the Sake of its own particular Interest, but of the Common Cause, has taken on itself a Share of the Burden, unexampled in former Times. I hope soon to see this necessary Work brought to Perfection, with the Concurrence of all my Allies, with whom it is my firm Intention to cultivate the