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AT the Court at St. James's, the 16th Day of January 1750.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs, viz.

Buckinghamshire, Henry Lovibond, of Oving, Esq;

Derbyshire, Sir Thomas Greisley, of Drakelowe, Bart.

Gloucestershire, Richard Hill, of Yate, Esq;

Northumberland, William Bigge, of Little Benton, Esq;

Nottinghamshire, John Borlace Warren, Esq;

Rutlandshire, Thomas Ridlington, of Glayston, Esq;

Shropshire, Sir Richard Acton, Bart.

Suffolk, George Gooday, of Fornham, Esq;

Warwickshire, Edmund Chambers, Esq;

Worcestershire, George Holland, of Tenbury, Esq;

N O R T H - W A L E S.

Denbigh, John Holland, of Tirdin, Esq;

Westminster, January 17.

His Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, the Honourable Sir Henry Bellenden, 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,

I HAVE postponed your Meeting to this Time, that I might consult your private Convenience, as far as was consistent with the Occasions of the Publick. The Continuance of the present Tranquillity has afforded an Opportunity for the former, and rendered the latter less pressing. Since the last Session, my Care and Attention have been constantly employed in improving this Situation; and I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that I have concluded a Treaty with my good Brother the King of Spain, whereby such particular Differences, as, from the Nature of them, could not be settled in a General Treaty, have been amicably adjusted, without the Intervention of any other Party; and the Commerce of my Subjects with that Country re-established upon the most advantageous and sure Foundations.

In the Progress of this Work, I have received such Assurances of the sincere Disposition of the Catholick King, to cement and maintain the most perfect Union with me, as leave no Room to doubt of its good Effects being felt in all Parts; and there is the greatest

Reason to hope, that the ancient Friendship, and good Correspondence between the two Nations, which had been long unfortunately interrupted, will, from mutual Interest and Inclination, be now effectually restored.

I have also, in Conjunction with the Empress Queen, and the States General, concluded a Treaty with the Elector of Bavaria; and am taking such further Measures, as may best tend to strengthen and secure the Tranquillity of the Empire; support its System; and timely prevent such Events, as have been found by Experience to endanger the Common Cause; involve Europe in the Calamities of War; and occasion the Loss of much Blood and Treasure to my own Kingdoms.

Both these Treaties shall be laid before you: And, as I have told you the Views with which I have entered into them, I must do Justice to all the other Contracting Powers in the Definitive Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, by acquainting you, that I have received from them the most full and clear Declarations of their Resolution to preserve the General Peace.

That nothing might be wanting for these salutary Purposes, I have taken Care to strengthen and consolidate the Ties of Union and Friendship between me and my Allies; the better to secure our mutual Interests, maintain the Peace already subsisting, and to prevent the Occasion of any future Rupture. And, that there might remain no Doubt of the Uprightness and Sincerity of my Intentions, I have made the proper Communications of the Measures I have taken, and the Principles on which they have been founded.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered Estimates to be laid before you, for the current Service of the Year. I desire only such Supplies, as shall be necessary for your own Security, and making good such Engagements as have been contracted, and are now communicated to you. The successful and happy Progress which has been made in the Reduction of the Interest of the National Debt, does great Honour to this Parliament, and adds much to our Reputation in Foreign Countries. So little of this great Work remains unfinished, that I make no Doubt of your completing it this Session, in the most just and equitable Manner.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have nothing further to recommend to you in particular: Let me exhort you in general, to make the best Use of the present State of Tranquillity, for improving the Trade and Commerce of my Kingdoms; for enforcing the Execution of the Laws; and for suppressing those Outrages and Violences, which are inconsistent with all good Order and Government, and endanger the Lives and Properties of my Subjects; whose Happiness, and flourishing Condition, I have entirely at Heart.

Constantinople,