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Westminster, November 14.

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,

IT is with great Satisfaction that I meet you in Parliament, at this Time, when the Continuance of the Publick Tranquillity, and the flourishing Condition of my Kingdoms, leave us nothing to desire, but to secure and improve our present Situation. To this End all my Views and Measures have been directed both at Home and Abroad; and, in this State of Things, nothing can give me more real Pleasure, than to observe those solid Advantages, which my good Subjects reap from it, in their Trade and Manufactures; some Branches whereof have also received considerable Benefit, from the wise Provisions which have been made by this Parliament.

The Treaty lately entered into with the Elector of Bavaria, was laid before you in your last Session; and I then acquainted you, that I was taking such further Measures, as might tend to secure the Tranquillity of the Empire; support its System; and timely prevent such Events, as had been found by Experience to endanger the Common Cause. I have since, for the same Purposes, in Conjunction with the States General of the United Provinces, found it necessary to conclude a Treaty with the King of Poland, Elector of Saxony; which shall be communicated to you.

The unfortunate Event of the Prince of Orange's Death, has made no Alteration in the State of Affairs in Holland; and by the prudent and early Measures taken there, the Quiet of that Country has been preserved, and their Government carried on upon the Foundation of the Settlement, which had, with so much Foresight, been previously established by Laws of the Republick. I have received the strongest Assurances from the States General, of their firm Resolution to maintain that strict Union and Friendship, which so happily subsist between me and those ancient and natural Allies of my Crown.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered Estimates of the Expences of the ensuing Year to be prepared and laid before you; and have no other Supplies to ask of you, but such as are requisite for those Services, and for making good such necessary Engagements, as you are made acquainted with. The Success which has attended your Firmness in reducing the Interest of the National Debt, will, I am confident, give you the greatest Satisfaction.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Experience I have had of your dutiful and steady Conduct, makes it wholly unnecessary for me to press upon you Unanimity and Dispatch in your Deliberations. But I cannot conclude, without recommending to you, in the most earnest Manner, to consider seriously of some effectual Provisions to suppress those audacious Crimes of Robbery and Violence, which are now become so frequent, especially about this great Capital; and which have proceeded, in a great Measure, from that profligate Spirit of Irreligion, Idleness, Gaming, and Extravagance, which has of late extended itself, in an uncommon Degree, to the Dishonour of the Nation, and to the great Offence and Prejudice of the sober and industrious Part of my People.

Whitehall, November 2, 1751.

Walter Titley, Esq; His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Denmark, has transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, the following Account from Copenhagen, dated the 30th of October N. S. It having been found necessary to change the Situation of the Fire kept hitherto upon a Sand-Bank, at the Point of Jutland, called Schagen, for the Use of Mariners; His Danish Majesty has ordered Notice thereof to be given to the Publick, and, in Pursuance of that Order, the proper Officers sent an Advertisement, accompanied with a Memorial, to Mr. Titley, desiring him to transmit the said Advertisement to England, for the Information of the British Traders to the Baltick; of which Advertisement the following is a Translation.

Advertisement.

Whereas the Sand-Hill at Schagen, upon which a Fire has been kept hitherto in the Night Time for the Direction of Ships sailing through the Cattegat, is almost washed away by the Sea; and there is now erected, instead of the said wasting Sand-Hill, a Tower of Sixty Four Feet high, standing further within the Land at the Distance of Eight Hundred Feet from the Sand-Hill, and Four Hundred Feet more towards the North; upon which Tower the Fire is to be kept for the Future, and to commence on the ^{21st of January, O. S.} _{1st of February, N. S.} in the ensuing Year 1752: Therefore, by Order of the King of Denmark, Norway, &c. this Notice is given to the Publick, to the End that Mariners, being duly apprized of the Alteration beforehand, may regulate their Course through the Cattegat accordingly.

Should the foresaid Sand-Hill happen to be destroyed and carried quite away, by any violent Storm, before the Time abovementioned, in that Case a Fire will immediately be lighted up upon the Tower, instead of that which has hitherto burnt upon the Sand-Hill.

Copenhagen, from the Office of his Majesty's Privy-Purse, the 25th October 1751.

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