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Westminster, November 15.

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 called you together as early as your Attendance upon your private Affairs would admit; and I am confident, that you are all met with the best Dispositions, to give such Application and Dispatch to the Business of this Session, as may be most conducive to the Publick Utility: The Events of this Year have not made it necessary for me to offer any Thing in particular to your Consideration, relating to Foreign Affairs. The Continuance of the Publick Tranquillity, and the general State of Europe, remain upon the same Foot as when we last parted; and you may be assured of my Steadiness, in pursuing the most effectual Measures to preserve to my People the Blessings of Peace.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have nothing to ask of you, but the necessary Supplies for the Ordinary Services of the ensuing Year, and such as have already been under your Consideration. I have ordered Estimates to be laid before you; and from the Experience I have had of your constant Regard for my Honour, and the Security, as well as Ease, of your Fellow Subjects, I entertain no Doubt of your making the proper Provisions for these Purposes.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I am sorry to be obliged again to mention to you a Subject, which reflects Dishonour upon the Nation, as well as creates great Danger and Mischief to my good Subjects. It is with the utmost Regret I observe, that the horrid Crimes of Robbery and Murder are, of late, rather increased than diminished. I am sensible, that Works of Reformation are not to be effected at once; but every Body should contribute their best Endeavours: And let me earnestly recommend it to you, to continue your serious Attention to this Important Object. Whatsoever shall be found expedient, either in this, or any other Respect, for the Welfare and Happiness of my People, shall meet with my hearty Concurrence and Support.

Lisbon, October 4. The Court is still at Belem, from whence their Majesties went on Monday last to Mafra-Park, in order to hunt the wild Boar, when a great Number of those Animals were killed. The Fleet lately arrived from the Bay of All-Saints, is one of the richest that has come from those Parts for many Years, having on board upwards of four Millions of Cruzades in Specie, as well on the Kings, as on the Account of the Merchants, besides a very valuable Cargo. The Corsairs of Barbary have lately taken, at the very Mouth of the Tagus, an Advice-Boat, dispatched hither by the Governor of the Brazils, notwithstanding we have no less than four armed Vessels out upon a Cruize against them.

Moscow, Oct. 11. The Negotiation that has been on the Tapis for some Time past, between this Court and that of Sweden, for settling the Limits in Finland, is far advanced, and 'tis imagined will shortly be adjusted to the Satisfaction of both Parties. Her Imperial Majesty has raised Count Soltikow to the Rank of General of her Forces, and M. Tscherkaskoy, Major of her Body Guard, to that of Lieutenant Field-Marshal.

Naples, Oct. 16. Their Majesties and the Royal Family are returned to this City from Portici. The Project for making a grand Causeway from Salerno to Reggio, has been approved in Council, and Orders are given for carrying it into Execution. The Methods that have been regularly pursued, for some Time past, in order to prevent the great Number of Robberies that were frequently committed upon the Highways in several of the Provinces of this Kingdom, have proved so very successful, that we have heard of no considerable Robberies, upon any of our publick Roads, for some Time past.

Rome, Oct. 20. A few Days ago a Council was held at Cardinal Valenti's, Secretary of State, in which a Resolution was taken to arm immediately, at Civita Vecchia, two Frigats of 24 Guns each, in order to protect such Christian Vessels, as trade upon the Ecclesiastical Coast, from the Insults of the Barbary Pyrates. Last Thursday Morning considerable Detachments of Soldiers were sent from hence for Macerata and Jesi, two Towns in the Marche of Ancona, in order to prevent the Smuggling of Tobacco, which is now carried on to a great Height.

Stockholm, Oct. 25. The King has conferred on M. de Gederichold, Knight of the Order of the Polar Star, the Office of President of the Tribunal of Justice of the Court.

Rochelle, Oct. 28. A few Days ago, as some Workmen were digging for the Foundation of a House about half a League from hence, they discovered two Brass Coffins, with Inscriptions in