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*Westminster, November 14.*

**H**IS 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**T is with great Pleasure that I meet you in Parliament, at a Time, when the late Elections have afforded my People an Opportunity of giving fresh Proofs of their Duty and Affection to my Person and Government, in the Choice of their Representatives.

The general State of Affairs in Europe has received very little Alteration since your last Meeting. But I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that I have lately received the strongest Assurances from my good Brother the King of Spain, of his firm Resolution to cultivate Friendship and Confidence with me, with reciprocal Acts of Harmony and good Faith; and that he will persevere in these Sentiments. It shall be my principal View, as well to strengthen the Foundations, and secure the Duration of the General Peace, as to improve the present Advantages of it, for promoting the Trade of my good Subjects, and protecting those Possessions, which make one great Source of our Commerce and Wealth.

The Plan formed by the last Parliament for appropriating the Forfeited Estates in the Highlands to the Publick Benefit, appears to be of

such National Importance, that I am persuaded you will not omit any proper Opportunity of completing it. Let me also recommend it to you, to make such further Provisions, as may be expedient for perpetuating the due Execution of the Laws, and the just Authority of my Government, in that Part of the United Kingdom.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have ordered the Estimates for the ensuing Year to be prepared and laid before you. The Supplies which I have to ask of you, are such as shall be necessary for the ordinary Services; for the Execution of such Treaties as have been communicated to you, for consolidating and maintaining that System of Tranquility, which is my great Object; and, at the same Time, for securing ourselves against any Encroachments.

The gradual Reduction of the National Debt, which has been so wisely and successfully begun, will, I make no Doubt, have your serious and constant Attention.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is unnecessary for me to use any Arguments to press upon you Unanimity, and Dispatch in your Proceedings. I have had such ample Experience of the Fidelity, Zeal, and good Disposition of my Parliaments, during the Course of my Reign, that I trust there is a mutual Confidence established between us; the surest Pledge of my own, and my People's Happiness.

*Rome, Oct. 19.* On Saturday last M. Archinto, who arrived here lately from his Nunciature of Poland, took Possession of the Government of this City. Every Thing being settled with Regard to the Infant of Spain's resigning his

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