

present Majesty's Reign, for repairing the Roads from Colebill in the County of Warwick, through the City of Litchfield, to Stone in the County of Stafford, and from thence to the City of Chester, and several other Roads in the said Acts mentioned, and for enlarging the Term and Powers in the said several Acts.

An Act for repairing and widening the Roads from the Town of Manchester, by a Place called the White Smithy, in the Township of Crumpsal, to the Town of Rochdale, and from the said Place called the White Smithy, by a Place called Besses of the Barn, to the Town of Bury, and from the said Place called Besses of the Barn, to Radcliffe Bridge in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

An Act for repairing and widening the Roads from the Town of Leeds, in the West Riding of the County of York, through Otley, Skipton, Colne, Burnley, and Blackburn, to Burscough Bridge in Walton in the County of Lancaster; and from Skipton, through Gisburn and Clithero, to Preston in the said County of Lancaster.

An Act for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair, the Roads from Epsom, through Ewell to Footing, and from Ewell to Kingston upon Thames, and Thames Ditton, in the County of Surry.

And to fifteen private Bills.

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

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

THE many eminent Proofs which you have given of your Duty and Affection to my Person and Government, during the Course of this Session of Parliament, have afforded me the greatest Satisfaction; and the Zeal you have shewn for supporting the Honour, Rights, and Possessions of my Crown, has been no less agreeable to me.

My Desire to preserve the Publick Tranquillity has been sincere and uniform. I have religiously adhered to the Stipulations of the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle; and made it my Care, not to injure, or give just Cause of Offence to, any Power whatsoever. But I never could entertain a Thought of purchasing the Name of Peace, at the Expence of suffering Encroachments upon, or of yielding up, what is justly belonging to Great Britain, either by ancient Possession, or by solemn Treaties. Your Vigour and Firmness, on this important Occasion, have enabled me to be prepared for such Contingencies as may happen. If reasonable and honourable Terms of Accommodation can be agreed upon, I shall be satisfied. In all Events, I shall rely on the Justice of our Cause, the effectual Support of my People, and the Protection of the Divine Providence.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I return you my Thanks for the necessary Provisions you have made for the Service of the current Year. The extraordinary Supply which you have granted me, towards augmenting my Forces by Sea and Land, is such a Proof of your Confidence in me, and of your constant Attention to the Service of your Country, that I cannot sufficiently express the Satisfaction I take, in this seasonable Care of the Safety of my Kingdoms and Dominions; or in the Evidence it has produced, of the Extent of our Publick Credit, and of the Zeal of my Subjects, in this Conjunction.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I have nothing to desire of you, but steadily to pursue those good Principles, which you have so solemnly professed to me, and, with so much Honour to yourselves, adhered to. Let it be your Endeavour to maintain Tranquillity and good Order in your several Countries, and to cultivate in my good Subjects just Notions of my Government and Measures, which are, and shall always be, directed to their Happiness and Prosperity.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said;

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty Seventh Day of May next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty Seventh Day of May next.

AT the Court at St. James's the 27th Day of March, 1755.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Eleventh Day of this Instant March, to promise and declare, (amongst other Things) that the Bounties of three Pounds for every Able Seaman, of Forty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, and of Twenty Shillings for every Able-bodied Landman, should be paid to every such Seaman and Landman respectively, who should, on or before the Thirty-first Day of this Instant, voluntarily Enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy; and that a Reward of Two Pounds should be also paid to any Person who should, on or before the said Thirty-first Day of this Instant, discover any Seaman, or Seamen, who should conceal themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service—And whereas the Time thereby limited for paying the said Bounties and Rewards is now near expiring; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, that the same should be continued for some longer Time: His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore Order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, That the Time limited by the said Proclamation for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, be prolonged and extended from the said Thirty-first Day of this Instant March, to the Thirtieth Day of April next, inclusive—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*W. Sharpe.*

Navy-Office, April 24, 1755.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 1st of July 1754, to the 31st of December following, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf;

These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Monday the 12th of May, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning, and continued the two following Days, beginning at the same Hour; That