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*Westminster, November 23.*

**T**HIS Day, the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Mr. Quarne, Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, desiring their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, the following Speech of the Lords Commissioners, appointed by His Majesty, for holding this Parliament, was delivered by the Lord Keeper to both Houses.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

**I**N pursuance of the Authority given to us by His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, amongst other Things to declare the Causes of His holding this Parliament, His Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct us to assure you, that He always receives the highest Satisfaction, in being able to lay before you any Events, that may promote the Honour and Interest of His Kingdoms.

That, in Consequence of your Advice, and enabled by that Assistance which you unanimously gave Him, His Majesty has exerted His Endeavours to carry on the War in the most vigorous Manner, in order to that desirable End, always to be wished, a safe and honourable Peace. It has pleased the Divine Providence to bless His Majesty's Measures and Arms with Success in several Parts; and to make our Enemies feel, that the Strength of Great Britain is not to be provoked with Impunity.

We have it also in Command from His Majesty to acquaint you, that the Conquest of the strong Fortresses of Louisbourg, with the Islands of Cape Breton and St. John; the taking of Frontenac, of the highest Importance to our Operations in North America; and the Reduction of Senegal; cannot fail to bring great Distress upon the French Commerce, and Colonies; and, in Proportion, to procure great Advantages to our Own. That Nation has also been made sensible, that, whilst their Forces are sent forth to invade and ravage the Dominions of their Neighbours, their own Coasts are not inaccessible to His Majesty's Fleets and Armies. This they have experienced in the Demolition of their Works at Cherburg, erected at a great Expence,

with a particular View to annoy this Country; and in the Loss of a great Number of Ships and Vessels; but no Treatment, however injurious to His Majesty, could tempt him to make Retaliation on the innocent Subjects of that Crown.

In Germany, His Majesty's good Brother the King of Prussia, and Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, have found full Employment for the Armies of France, and her Confederates; from which our Operations, both by Sea, and in America, have derived the most evident Advantage. Their Successes, owing, under God, to their able Conduct, and the Bravery of His Majesty's Troops, and those of His Allies, have been signal and glorious.

His Majesty has further commanded us to observe to you, that the Common Cause of Liberty and Independency is still making noble and vigorous Efforts, against the unnatural Union formed to oppress it. That the Commerce of His Subjects, the Source of our Riches, has, by the vigilant Protection received from His Majesty's Fleet, flourished in a Manner not to be paralleled during such Troubles. In this State of Things, His Majesty, in His Wisdom, thinks it unnecessary to use many Words to persuade you to bear up against all Difficulties; effectually to stand by, and defend His Majesty; vigorously to support the King of Prussia, and the rest of His Majesty's Allies; and to exert yourselves to reduce our Enemies to equitable Terms of Accommodation.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

The uncommon Extent of this War, in different Parts, occasions it to be uncommonly expensive. This His Majesty has ordered us to declare to you, that He sincerely laments, and feels deeply for the Burdens of His People. The several Estimates are ordered to be laid before you; and His Majesty desires only such Supplies, as shall be requisite to push the War with Advantage, and be adequate to the necessary Services.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

His Majesty has, in the last Place, graciously commanded us to assure you, that He takes so much Satisfaction in that good Harmony which subsists amongst His faithful Subjects, that it is more

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