

bation, so His Majesty now returns you His hearty Thanks for it.

At the Opening of the Session, His Majesty exhorted you to bear up against all Difficulties; effectually to stand by, and defend, His Majesty; and vigorously to support the King of Prussia, and the rest of his Allies. The King has commanded Us to acquaint you, that His Hopes of surmounting those Difficulties were founded on the Wisdom, Zeal, and Affection of so good a Parliament; and that you have fully answered His Expectations. You have considered the War in all its Parts; and, notwithstanding the long Continuance of it, thro' the Obstinacy of our Enemies, have made such Provision for the many different Operations, as ought to convince the Powers engaged against Us, that it will be for their Interest, as well as for the Ease and Relief of all Europe, to come to equitable and honourable Terms of Accommodation.

By your Assistance, the Combined Army in Germany has been compleated: Powerful Squadrons, as well as great Numbers of Land Forces, are employed in America, in order to maintain the just Rights and Possessions of His Majesty and His People; and to annoy the Enemy in the most sensible Manner in those Parts; and, as France is now making considerable Preparations in her Ports, His Majesty has taken Care to put His Fleet at Home in the best Condition, both of Strength, and Situation, to guard against, and repel any Attempts, that may be meditated against His Kingdoms.

The King's Measures have all been directed to assert the Honour of His Crown; to preserve the essential Interests of His faithful Subjects; and to support the Cause of the Protestant Religion, and public Liberty. His Majesty, therefore, trusts, that the Uprightness of His Intentions will draw down the Blessing of Heaven upon His Endeavours.

We have it, also, in Command from His Majesty, to let you know, that He hopes, the Provisions you have made, to prevent, and correct, the Excesses of the Privateers, will be effectual to that desirable End. The King has had it much at Heart: For tho' His Majesty is sensible of the Utility of that Service, when under proper Regulations, He is determined to do His utmost, to prevent any Injuries, or Hardships, being done to the Subjects of Neutral Powers, as far as may be practicable, and consistent with His Majesty's just Right to hinder the Trade of His Enemies from being collusively and fraudulently covered.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

We are commanded to assure you, that, when His Majesty considers the large Supplies which you have so unanimously given, He feels Himself under the strongest Obligations, not only to thank you for them, but also to applaud the Firmness and Vigour, with which you have acted; as well as your Prudence in judging, that, notwithstanding the present Burdens, the making ample Provision for carrying on the War is the most probable Means to bring it to an honourable and happy Conclusion. No Attention will be wanting on His Majesty's Part for the faithful Application of what you have granted.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to order us to add, that he has Nothing more to desire of you, but that you would carry down the same good Dispositions, and propagate them in your several Countries, which you have shewn in your Proceedings during your setting here.

*After which the Lord Keeper said;*

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**I**T is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-sixth Day of July next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-sixth Day of July next.

*Landshut, May 20.* Nothing Material has happened here lately; the Weather being extremely Cold and Rainy, the Troops still continue in their Quarters of Cantonment.

Upon Notice being received some Days ago that a considerable Body of Austrians had entered Lusatia, with a Design, as was supposed, to attack Berlin, and were advanced as far as Spremberg in Lower

Lusatia, some Battalions of Prussians, supported by a large Body of Cavalry, commanded by General Seidlitz, were ordered with the greatest Secrecy to file off from Landshut; upon which the Austrians thought proper to retire from Spremberg, and posted themselves behind Budissin in the Higher Lusatia, from whence it is supposed they will return into Bohemia.

*Hague, May 29.* By the last Letters received from the Allied Army in Westphalia, dated the 24th, it appears, That that Army was now assembling, and that the different Corps thereof were preparing to take such a Position, as to be able to join at a very short Notice. Prince Ferdinand's Head Quarters were then at Ham, and were to be removed to Reek the next Day. The Hereditary Prince was at Unna, to which Place Lieutenant General Hardenberg marched on the 24th with some Battalions and Squadrons under his Command. The French Troops that marched from the Lower Rhine under Marshal Contades, were, by the last Accounts, at Siegbourg, and it was supposed would not reach Gießen till the 1st of June. M. D'Armentieres was expected at Burick to take the Command of the French Forces there.

*Whitehall, June 2.*

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Grace Thomas Holles Duke of Newcastle, Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, Henry Bilson Legge, Robert Nugent, and James Grenville, Esqrs. and Frederick North, Esq; commonly called Lord North, to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable William Earl of Bessborough, and the Honourable Robert Hampden, Esq; the Office of Post Master General, in the room of Thomas Earl of Leicester, and Sir Everard Fawkener, Knt. both deceased.

*Extract of a Letter from Commodore Boyd, in the Downs, to Mr. Cleveland, dated the 1st of June, 1759.*

Captain Angel in the Stag returned to the Downes this Morning with the French Privateer Cutter I sent him after, which he took Yesterday. She is called La Dunkerquoise, Capt. Stephen Francis Pottier of Dunkirk, of Eight Carriage Guns, and Fifty-two Men; had been out 48 Hours, and taken nothing.

*Admiralty Office, March 13, 1759.*

**M**Y Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outrageous Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of Ships, as well English as Neutral, sailing in the English Channel, by the Crews of Ships or Vessels being or pretending to be English Privateers:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such Piracies and Robberies, (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Dishonour thereof) are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Acts of Piracy as aforesaid, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of such Offences as aforesaid are greatly encouraged by divers Persons as Accessaries thereto, who knowingly assist, maintain, counsel, or advise the Committing of such Acts of Piracy, and also by Persons who receive Goods so piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed such Robberies:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect or bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such last mentioned Offences, are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Offences last mentioned,