

what Cases Letters and News Papers, shall be sent or received free, from the Duty of Postage.

To the Bill for charging on the Sinking Fund, certain Annuities, and for consolidating such said Annuities as are granted for a certain Term of Years, irredeemable.

To the Bill for granting for a limited Time, a Liberty to carry Rice from his Majesty's Provinces of South-Carolina and Georgia in America,

To the Bill for allowing further Time for the In-rollment of Deeds and Wills made by Papists, and for the Relief of Protestant Purchasers.

To the Bill for raising Money by Loan or Exchequer Bills.

To the Bill to prevent Frauds committed by Bankrupts-

To the Bill to indemnify Persons who have omitted to take the Oaths to qualify themselves for Offices, &c.

To the Bill to prevent Inconveniencies arising in Cases of Merchants, and such other Persons as are within the Statutes of Bankrupts, being intitled to Privilege of Parliament, and becoming Insolvent.

To the Bill for importing Salt from Europe to Quebec for a limited Time.

To the Bill for granting a Bounty upon the Importation of Hemp, and rough and undressed Flax, from his Majesty's Colonies in America.

To the Bill to enable his Majesty, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to order the free Importation of Provisions from Ireland during the next Recess of Parliament, or as the Necessity of the Time may require.

To the Bill for continuing several Acts of Parliament, made for the Encouragement of the Whale Fishery carried on by his Majesty's Subjects.

To the Bill for establishing an Agreement with the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, for raising certain Sums of Money for the Service of the Year 1764.

To the Bill to prevent Paper Bills of Credit hereafter to be issued within any of his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America, from being made legal Tender in Payment of Money.

And to 54 other private Bills, 69 in all.

After the foregoing Acts were passed, His Majesty made a Speech to both Houses, conceived in the following Terms; and then they were prorogued to the 21st of June. Viz.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I Cannot put an End to this Session of Parliament, without returning you my Thanks for the prudent and salutary Measures which you have taken to extend the Commerce, and to secure the Happiness of my Kingdoms.

The Assurance which I have received of the pacific Disposition of the several Powers with whom we were lately at War, and of their Resolution to adhere inviolably to the Terms of the late Treaty, promise the Continuance of Peace Abroad; and

the firm and temperate Exertion of your Authority, joined to the constitutional and public-spirited Conduct which you have manifested on every Occasion during the present Session, will, I trust, establish at Home due Obedience to the Laws, Reverence to the Legislature, and domestic Union.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you for the Supplies you have so cheerfully and unanimously granted. The ample Provision you have made for the several Services recommended to you, and especially for maintaining my Fleet in a respectable State, will, I am confident, preserve to this Nation its proper Weight and Influence, and give Strength and Security to all my Dominions.

The wise Regulations which have been established to augment the public Revenues, to unite the Interests of the most distant Possessions of my Crown, and to encourage and secure their Commerce with Great-Britain, calls for my hearty Approbation.

Your Regard to public Credit, in discharging a Part of the heavy Debt contracted and unprovided for during the late War, without imposing on this Kingdom the Burthen of any new Taxes, is particularly pleasing to me, from the tender Concern which I feel for my People.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

It is the proper Employment of this Season of Tranquility, to consider of the most effectual Means for perfecting those Works of Peace, and Plans of public Utility, which have been so wisely and happily begun.

I recommend those important Objects to your Consideration during the Recess. You may depend upon my constant Endeavours for the Success of these good Purposes; as I shall ever deem it my truest Glory, to employ that Power with which the Constitution hath entrusted me, in promoting your real Interests, and lasting Happiness.

Some letters from Hamburgh advise, that the Czarina having had information that the Palatine of Lublin began to grow active at the head of the Poles, had given orders for 10,000 of her troops to march immediately into Poland.

Letters from Amsterdam say, that the Dutch are resolved to make a Coup d'Éclat this summer, in the East-Indies; to accomplish which, neither men nor money will be spared, or ships wanting.

On a gentleman's applying to Lord Clive for a commission for his son, he made answer, that if he had been able to give Commissions to all that had applied to him, he should have had a sufficient army of officers, without needing one private soldier.

It is said his Excellency the Earl of Northumberland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will return to England some time next month.

It is said that Madame Pompadour has died possessed of upwards of three millions sterling, one half of which, by the law of France, will go to her husband, who is yet living.

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