

# NORTH-CAROLINA GAZETTE.

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LONDON, December 1.

**Y**ESTERDAY his Majesty went in State to the House of Lords, and after the House of Commons had presented their Speaker, of whom his Majesty approved, his Majesty made the following most gracious **SPEECH** from the Throne, viz.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*  
**I** give me much Concern that I am obliged, at the Opening of this Parliament, to inform you, that a most daring Spirit of Resistance and Disobedience to the Laws still unhappily prevails in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and has in divers Parts broke forth in fresh Violences of a very criminal Nature.

These Proceedings have been countenanced and encouraged in other of my Colonies, and unwarrantable Attempts have been made to obstruct the Commerce of this Kingdom by unlawful Combinations. I have taken such Measures, and given such Orders, as I judge it most proper and effectual for carrying into Execution the Laws, which were passed in the last Session of the late Parliament, for the Protection and Security of the Commerce of my Subjects, and for the restoring and preserving Peace, Order, and good Government in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and you may depend upon my firm and steadfast Resolutions to withstand every Attempt to weaken or impair the supreme Authority of this Legislature, over all the Dominions of my Crown, the Maintenance of which I consider as essential to the Dignity, the Safety and the Welfare, of the British Empire, assuring myself that, while I act upon these Principles, I shall never fail to receive your Assistance and Support.

I have the greatest Satisfaction in being able to inform you, that a Treaty of Peace is concluded between Russia and the Porte. By this happy Event the Troubles which have so long prevailed in one Part of Europe are composed, and a general Tranquillity rendered complete.

It shall be my constant Aim and Endeavour, to prevent a breaking out of such Disturbances, and I cannot but flatter myself I shall succeed, as I continue to receive the strongest Assurances from the Powers of the Continent being equally disposed to preserve the Peace.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*  
I have ordered the proper Bills for the Service of the ensuing Year, to be laid before you, and shall not, but that in this House of Commons, I shall meet with the same affectionate Confidence, and the same Degree of Zeal and Attachment to my Person and Government, which I have always, and shall always, receive from my faithful Commons.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*  
I beg particularly to recommend to you at this Time, to proceed with Temper in your Deliberations, and with Unanimity in your Resolutions. Let my People in every part of my Dominions be taught by your Example to have a due Reverence for the Laws, and a just Sense of the Blessings of our excellent Constitution. They may be assured that on my Part I have nothing so much at Heart as the real Prosperity and lasting Happiness of all my Subjects.

*The humble ADDRESS of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament Assembled: Presented to his MAJESTY, on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1774.*

**MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,**  
We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Majesty our humble Thanks for your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

We think it our indispensable Duty to declare on this Occasion, our Abhorrence and Detestation of the daring Spirit of Resistance and Disobedience to the Laws, which so strongly prevails in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and of the unwarrantable Attempts in that and other of your Majesty's Provinces in America, to obstruct, by unlawful Combinations, the Trade of this Kingdom.

We therefore justly acknowledge, at the same Time, the Commendation it has pleased your Majesty to make to us, of your having taken such Measures, and given such Orders, as your Majesty judged the

most proper and effectual for the Protection and Security of the Commerce of your Majesty's Subjects, and for the carrying into Execution the Laws, which were passed in the last Session of the late Parliament, relative to the Province of the Massachusetts Bay; and in the utmost Reliance on your Majesty's firm and steadfast Resolution to continue to support the supreme Authority of the Legislature over all the Dominions of your Crown, your Majesty may be assured, that we will cheerfully co-operate in all such Measures as shall be necessary to maintain the Dignity, the Safety, and the Welfare, of the British Empire.

As this Nation cannot be unconcerned in the common Interests of Europe, it is with the greatest Satisfaction we are acquainted with the Conclusion of the Peace between Russia and the Porte. We have the fullest Confidence in your Majesty's Endeavours to prevent, as far as possible, the breaking out of fresh Disturbances; and from the Assurances given to your Majesty by other Powers, we have the pleasing Expectation, that nothing is likely to happen that may interrupt the present happy Tranquillity in Europe.

We beg Leave humbly to assure your Majesty, that it will be no less our Duty than our Inclination, to proceed with Temper and Unanimity in our Deliberations and Resolutions, and to imitate, by our Example, a due Reverence for the Laws, and a just Sense of the Excellency of our Constitution. Impressed with these Sentiments, and with the deepest Gratitude for the many Blessings we have enjoyed during the Course of your Majesty's Reign, it will be our principal Care to testify, with unaffected Zeal, at this Conjunction, our inviolable Fidelity to your Majesty, and our serious Attention to the Public Welfare.

*His MAJESTY'S Most Gracious ANSWER.*

*My Lords,*  
**I** THANK you for your affectionate Assurances of Duty and Loyalty. The Zeal you express for the Support of the supreme Authority of the Legislature, which I shall constantly maintain, is very agreeable to me; and your Resolution to proceed with Temper and Unanimity in your Deliberations, gives me the greater Satisfaction, as it corresponds with the hearty Concern I shall ever have for the true Interests of all my People.

*The humble ADDRESS of the House of Commons to the KING: Presented to his Majesty, on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1774.*

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*  
We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, return your Majesty our humble Thanks, for your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

Permit us to assure your Majesty, that we receive with the highest Sense of your Majesty's Goodness the early Information which you have been pleased to give us of the State of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

We feel the most sincere Concern, that a Spirit of Disobedience and Resistance to the Laws should still unhappily prevail in that Province, and that it has broke forth in fresh Violences of a most criminal Nature: And we cannot but lament that such Proceedings should have been countenanced and encouraged in any other of your Majesty's Colonies, and that any of your Subjects should have been so far deluded and misled, as to make rash and unwarrantable Attempts to obstruct the Commerce of your Majesty's Kingdoms by unlawful Combinations.

We beg Leave to present our most dutiful Thanks to your Majesty, for having taken such Measures as your Majesty judged most proper and effectual, for carrying into Execution the Laws, which were passed in the last Session of the late Parliament, for the Protection and Security of the Commerce of your Majesty's Subjects, and for restoring and preserving Peace, Order, and good Government, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

Your faithful Commons, animated by your Majesty's gracious Assurances, will use every Means in their Power to assist your Majesty in maintaining entire and inviolate the supreme Authority of this Legislature over all the Dominions of your Crown; being truly sensible that we should betray the Trust reposed in us, and be wanting in every Duty which we owe to your Majesty and to our Fellow Subjects, if we failed to give our most zealous Support to those great constitutional Principles, which govern

your Majesty's Conduct in this important Business, and which are so essential to the Dignity, Safety, and Welfare of the British Empire.

We learn with great Satisfaction, that a Treaty of Peace is concluded between Russia and the Porte; and that, by this happy Event, the general Tranquillity is restored in Europe. And we entertain a well-grounded Hope, that your Majesty's constant Endeavours to prevent the breaking out of fresh Disturbances, will be attended with Success; as your Majesty continues to receive the strongest Assurances from other Powers, of their being equally disposed to preserve the Peace.

We assure your Majesty, that we will, with the utmost Cheerfulness, grant to your Majesty every necessary Supply, and that we consider ourselves bound by Gratitude, as well as Duty, to give every Proof of our most affectionate Attachment to a Prince, who, during the whole Course of his Reign, has made the Happiness of his People the Object of all his Views, and the Rule of all his Actions.

*His MAJESTY'S Most Gracious ANSWER.*

*Gentlemen,*  
**I** RETURN you my particular Thanks for this very loyal and dutiful Address. I receive, with the highest Satisfaction and Approbation, your Assurances of Assistance and Support, in maintaining the supreme Authority of the Legislature over all the Dominions of my Crown. It shall be my Care to justify, by my Conduct, the Confidence you so affectionately express, and to prove that I have no Interests separate from those of my People.

BERN, (in Switzerland) Nov. 10.

**T**HE Court of Versailles and her Allies have discovered that a great Monarch of the North has, since the Peace, employed himself both in the Cabinet and the Field; he foresees what may happen if he looks with Indifference on the Projects of those Potentates who would, by their Greatness and Power, command all the three Estates which form at present the Balance of Europe. The Governor of Neuf-Chatel has already furnished them with an Account of the Number of Troops which the thirteen Cantons can set on Foot in Case of Necessity; and it is found that the Canton of Bern alone can furnish eighty Thousand Men. As the Cantons are allied to the Republic of Geneva, which Switzerland has so much at Heart to become possessed of, the attacking of it would be attacking the thirteen Cantons, who are in Treaty with the King of Prussia.

HAQUE, November 15. There never was such a Ferment in this Republic as has been for these six Months past; all the Members of the States seem to be affected with it; nothing is talked of but augmenting our Troops, fitting out Ships of War, sending warlike Stores to all our Colonies, and engaging Engineers from all Parts to put our fortified Places in the best State of Defence; all which gives Reason to suspect that our Tranquillity is in Danger of being interrupted. Our Politicians are lost in Speculations; the Envoys, particularly from the Swiss Cantons, have had private conferences with the President of the States General, the Cabinet of Versailles, and its Allies, especially with the Emperor seems to side with them, observe the utmost Secrecy and Circumspection, and the seeming Indifference of the Court of Great Britain, looks as if they intended to remain neutral if possible. In short, according to the present Appearance of Things, our best Means of Security will be to stand upon our Guard, keep our Coffers locked up, and make Use of the Cantons rather to ward off Dangers, than to engage in Quarrels.

The Remonstrances of the City of Amsterdam against sending a Reinforcement of Troops to Surinam, have proved ineffectual; the Resolution of the States General relative to that Affair being confirmed. In consequence thereof the Troops destined for that Country, are ordered to anticipate their Rendezvous at Williamsstadt, and to be there in strength in the month of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, in order to march without Delay.

PARIS, November 14. The Day before Yesterday, at Nine in the Morning, the King, after attending Divine Service at the Holy Chapel, went to the great Chamber of Parliament, attended by his Brothers, and the Dukes of Orleans, Chartres, and the Rest of the Princes of the Blood, the great Officers of State, &c. &c. When they were seated