



SPEECH OF THE KING OF SPAIN TO THE CORTES, ON THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH.

Gentlemen Deputies:

Surrounded, for the second time, by the worthy representatives of this heroic nation, which has given such strong proofs of the love and affection which it bears to my royal person, I cannot do less than, in compliance with the feelings of my heart, give thanks to Almighty God; who, in having restored to me, by the valor and constancy of my faithful subjects, the throne of my ancestors, has vouchsafed to strengthen it, by giving for its foundation a constitution sanctioned by the Extraordinary Cortes; which, in compliance with the voice of the nation, I have sworn to maintain. The welfare & happiness of the people which Divine Providence has committed to my care, & which, as a sacred duty, have always been the object of my most ardent wishes, led me to the adoption of a system of government as anxiously desired by the nation, and as imperiously required by the progress of the age. The result has corresponded with my wishes, and I have seen, with inexpressible pleasure, Spanish loyalty firmly re-united to the throne of its King, manifesting itself in all parties, and evincing, by unequivocal proofs, its decided attachment to the new system of government, which will constitute its future prosperity and grandeur, and which will add dignity and splendor to my crown. The proper and judicious measures which the former legislature adopted to give life and energy to a nation, almost destroyed in consequence of the sacrifices she had to make, to relieve the people of the heavy taxes under which they labored, to restore the public credit, to promote industry in all its different branches—all this, joined to the admirable moderation, pacific spirit, and unanimity which have characterized its proceedings, by the proofs of respect and love evinced to my person by such worthy representatives, have filled my heart with joy. It will require time to heal the wounds of the nation, the general disorder and confusion which war occasions, with its consequent disasters, the ruin of much and immense capitals, the confusion produced by the different habits and customs of the provinces, joined to the necessity of anticipating, without delay, the expences and urgencies of the state, have not permitted, as yet, to establish what I would have wished—an uniform system of revenue, and one conformable to the new principles lately established.

I hope the Cortes, in its present session, will bestow its serious attention on so important an object. Time is required to bring to perfection this desired system; and, to give it effect, the Cortes will depend on my cordial assent, as I shall be sure of their faithful assistance. The Secretary of the Treasury will, in a proper time, present an estimate of the expences necessary for the approaching year; and those of War and the Marine will propose the necessity of recruiting the ranks of the army, according to the existing state of things. In the mean time, I have the consolation to make known for the consideration of the Cortes, the general activity which begins to evince itself in all the provinces of the kingdom, & which presents to us the progressive improvements which are making in agriculture, the arts, and commerce. Our foreign credit is recovering, and the powerful means which a nation, governed by a constitutional king and representative system of government, can call to her aid, will soon restore our internal credit.

If the actual state of America has not varied in its relation to us, war, at least for the present, has suspended its desolating ravages on the *Costa firma*, and the effect which the late remarkable events on the Peninsula ought to have on those regions, lead us to hope they may be again restored to the mother country, and form an integral part of the same empire. I cannot conceal from you that, notwithstanding the satisfaction which the salutary change in the government ought to produce, and with the general consent and adherence of the whole nation, and its determination to support it, the attempts of some malcontents, who at all times entertain chimerical and criminal hopes, have not failed to alarm, momentarily, some of the provinces of the capital, which has filled my heart with the most profound affliction. I trust and hope the Cortes, in discharge of their important duties, will see the necessity of taking immediate measures to repress the audacity of those who are excited rather than satisfied, with the moderation of the present system, which they wish to disturb anew, by giving to the governors the forces so requisite for the preservation of the general tranquility. Without this precaution, it is impossible to remedy the evils under which the nation has so long groaned.

With regard to our diplomatic relations with other powers, no alteration has taken place since the last session of the Cortes, having happily maintained with them our friendly intercourse. The ratification which, in virtue of the authority of the Cortes, I have thought it necessary to give to the treaty for the cession of the Floridas, and for the settlement of the li-

mits with the United States, must have arrived some time since at the seat of that government, although no advices have yet been received to that effect. The fears which might have been entertained, with some foundation, in regard to the hostile views of the Regency of Algiers, to our commerce, have been allayed by the active vigilance of the national marine, and of that of his majesty the King of the Netherlands.

The resolution adopted in the Congress of Troppau, and subsequently in that of Laybach, by the sovereigns of Austria, Prussia, and Russia, to interfere in the change of the government of the two Sicilies, has excited all my solicitude, as well in consideration of the ties of consanguinity, and my great attachment to that royal family, as also the great interest which I take in the happiness of that people, and in the independence of those states, whose rights, according to the laws of nations, should be religiously respected—I have therefore thought it indispensable to the dignity of my throne and the great people whom it is my glory to govern, to cause to be made known, that I will not acknowledge any measure contrary to the positive principles of the laws of nations, on which are founded the prosperity, independence, and liberty of the people; principles which Spain, on her part, will always inviolably observe with regard to other nations.

I have the satisfaction to communicate to the Cortes, that the Allied Sovereigns, in their communications up to this period, disclaim all intentions of interfering in the present government of Spain. These are the objects to which I wish to call the attention of the Cortes, in order that the constitutional system of government be consolidated, and thereby accelerate the prospects and welfare of the nation. I have thus far laid before the Cortes the actual political situation of the nation, in all its interior and exterior relations, with a precision which the solemn responsibility of my station imposes on me, and the information which I possess has enabled me to do. I have purposely omitted to speak, until the last, of my person, because I do not wish it to be supposed that I preferred my individual safety to the happiness and welfare of my nation, which Divine Providence has committed to my care; nevertheless it is necessary I should make known, although I do it with grief to this wise Congress, that the views of some evil-disposed persons whose object is to mislead the unwary, persuading them that my heart harbors dispositions inimical to the system which now governs us, with no other view than to inspire a distrust of my pure intentions.

I have sworn to the constitution, and have always caused it to be observed to the extent of my powers. Well would it have been if all had done the same. Public insults have been offered to my dignity, contrary to the order and respect that is due to the constitutional king. I do not fear for my own existence or my personal safety—God who sees my heart, will watch and protect both. But I ought not to withhold, at this time, from the Congress, as the principal guardian of the preservation and inviolability which the sacred charter secures to the constitutional king—that such insults would not have occurred a second time if the executive power could have been invested with all the vigor and energy which the constitution guarantees and the Cortes desires.

The little interest and activity of the authorities have caused such great excesses to be renewed—and, if they are repeated, it will not be surprising if the Spanish nation finds itself surrounded by immeasurable evils and misfortunes. I cherish the hope it will not be so, if the Cortes intimately unites itself to the constitutional King—will strive to remedy the abuses—to re-unite the public opinion, and counteract the machinations of the malevolent, whose aim is anarchy and destruction.

Let us then unite the legislative and executive powers—and I now publicly declare, in the face of the nation, that it is my wish to effect the consolidation of a system, which is calculated to procure happiness and tranquility to my people.

FERNANDO.

[After the King had withdrawn, Senor Conde de Toreno proposed that a committee should be appointed to draw up a reply to the address of his Majesty. "It is necessary (said he) that the whole world should know what are the sentiments of the Cortes with regard to the Congress at Laybach, and the recent occurrences in Naples; and it behoves the Cortes to profit by the opportunity of solemnly declaring, that Spain is no less disposed to respect the independence of other nations than to exact a due respect for her own." The Senor Conde alleged many other arguments in favor of his motion, and the question being put to the vote, was decided in the affirmative. The committee was then appointed, consisting of Senor de Toreno, Martinez de La-Rosa, Clamencin, and Gaxeli. After which the Cortes adjourned.]

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BY AUTHORITY.

An act to alter and establish certain Post Roads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following Post Roads be, and the same are hereby discontinued, that is to say:

- From Concord, in Rockingham county, by Salisbury, Andover, New Chester, Bridgewater and Plymouth, thence by New Holderness, New Hampton, Sanbornton, and Salisbury, to Concord, and from Farmington to Middleton, in N. Hampshire.
- From Carver to Wareham.
- From Northampton, by Southampton, to Springfield, in Massachusetts.
- From Herkimer, by Woodworth's, Columbia, by Underwoods, Litchfield, to Lashwaite.
- From Vernon to Delhi.
- From Little Falls, by Fairfield, Newport, and Russia, to Remsen in New-York.
- From Liberty Corner, by Doughty's Mills and New Providence, to Springfield in New-Jersey.
- From Morgantown, by Crab Orchard, to Kingwood, in Virginia.
- From Milledgeville, to Greensborough, in Georgia.
- From Pocatigo, by Hickory Hill, to Augusta, in South-Carolina.
- From Clinton, in Tennessee, to Pulaski, in Kentucky.
- From Washington to Cincinnati; and from Lancaster to Washington, in Ohio.
- From Falmouth to Grant's Lick, on the east side of the river, in Kentucky.
- From Smithton to John Graham's, in Missouri.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the following be established Post Roads, that is to say:

- IN MAINE. From Brunswick, by Topsham, Lisbon, Wales, Monmouth, Leeds, Wayne and Fayette, to Jay; and thence by Livermore, Turner, and Durham, to Brunswick.
- From Green, by Leeds and Wayne, to Winthrop.
- From Bangor, by Levant, Corinth, New Charlestown, Atkinson, Sebec, Brownsville, Williamsburg, Foxcroft, Guilford, and Sangerville, to Bangor.
- From Warsaw, by Hartland, and St. Albins, to Palmyra.
- From Bethel, by Gilead, Shelburne, Durand, Kilkenney, and Jefferson, to Lancaster, in New-Hampshire.

- IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE. From Concord, in Rockingham county, by the McCrillis tavern, in Canterbury, Northfield meeting house, Sanbornton, Smith's Village on the Turnpike, across the river near Pine Hill, and Bridgewater, to Plymouth.
- From Smith's village on the Turnpike, by New Hampton meeting house, and the paper mill in Holderness, to Plymouth.
- From Concord, by Boscowan, Salisbury village, Andover, New Chester, Bristol, and the Mayhow Turnpike, to Rumney.
- From Rochester, by Chesnut Hill, in Farmington, to Middleton.
- That the post route from Centre Harbor to Plymouth; and the post route from Portsmouth, by Meredith, & New Hampton, to Plymouth, shall be by the post office in Holderness.

- IN MASSACHUSETTS. From Greenfield, by Bernardstown, Northfield, Warwick, Orange, New Salem, Shutesbury, Leverett, Sunderland, and Montague, to Greenfield.
- From Richmond to West Stockbridge.
- From Northampton, by East Hampton, South Hampton, Westfield, Southwick, and East Granby, to Hartford, in Connecticut.
- From Worcester to Grotton.
- From Boston, by a turnpike road, to Taunton; and thence by Wellington, Dighton, Swanzey, Warren, Bristol, Portsmouth, and Middleton, to Newport, in Rhode Island.
- From South Hadley, by Granby, to Belchertown.

- IN CONNECTICUT. From Mansfield to Willington.
- From Stafford, by Union, to Woodstock.
- From Brooklyn, by South Killingly, to Thompson.
- From Bridgeport, by Long Hill, Trumbull, Levi Edwards, in Huntington, Newton, and Brookfield, to New Milford.

- IN NEW YORK. From Utica, by Whitesborough, Floyd, Steuben, and Western, to Rome.
- From Cayuga to Montezuma.
- From Turin, by Harrisburg, Copenhagen, Tylersville, Piney, and Redman, to Adams.
- From Newburgh, by Middletown, Marlborough, Milton, and New Paltz to Poughkeepsie.
- From Upper Red Hook Landing, to the present post road from New York, to Albany.
- From Watertown, by Le Raysville, to Antwerp.
- From Mooresville, by Bovina, in Delaware county, to Delhi.

- From Bergen, by Rigs and East Rigs, to Rochester.
- From Ellicottville, by Little Valley, Cenewongo Creek, and Gerry, to Mayville.
- From Caledonia to Riga.
- From Whitehall, in Washington county, by Putnam, to Ticonderoga.
- From Southold, in Suffolk, to the village of Oysterponds.
- From Utica, in the county of Oneida, to Bainbridge, in the county of Chenango, by New Hartford, Paris Furnace, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Columbus, New Berlin, Norwich, and Guilford.
- From Lisle, in the county of Broome, through the towns of Berkshire and Caroline, on the Susquehanna, and Bath turnpike road, to Ithaca, in the county of Tompkins.
- From Manlius, by Oran, Delhi, Fabius, Pompey, and thence to Manlius.
- From Utica, by Rome, to Montezuma, and thence to Rochester, upon and near the Great Canal.
- From Bennington, Vermont, by White Creek, Cambridge, Easton and Greenwich, to Saratoga Springs, New York.
- From Ritchfield by Peltries, in Columbia, by Underwoods, in Litchfield, to Utica.
- From Peltries, in Columbia, by Elie Palmer's, to Herkimer.
- From Little Falls, Herkimer county, by Eaton's Bush, Middleville, Newport, Naham Daniel's, Russia post-office, to Trenton, with a side mail from Middleville to Fairfield post office.
- From Canandigua, in the state of New-York, by Manchester, to Palmyra; from thence by South Williamson and Williamson, to Putneyville.

- IN NEW JERSEY. From Chester to Flanders.
- From Liberty Corner to Somerville.
- From Trenton, by Croswick's Tavern, Rickle's Town, Julius, and Army's to New Egypt.

- IN PENNSYLVANIA. From Easton, by Stockertown, to Roscommon.
- From Chester, by Village Green, Wilcox's mills, Concord meeting house, and Dilworthtown, to Westchester.
- From Clark's Ferry, by Landsburg, Douglass's Mills, and Concord, to Fannellsburg.
- From Somerset, by Connelville, Union, Smithfield, Germantown, and Geneva, to Morgantown, in Virginia.
- From Hanover, by Berlin, to Dillstown.
- From Lambpeter square to Cochran'sville.
- From Gettysburg, by Petersburg, and Dillstown, to Harrisburg.
- From Berwick, on the Tioga and Susquehanna turnpike, to Meansville.
- From Lancaster, by New London Cross Roads, Newark, and Christiana bridge to New Castle, in Delaware.
- From Gettysburg, by Lutersburg, to Hagerstown, in Maryland.
- From Leditz, in Lancaster county, by Elizabeth Furnace and Shuefferston, to Lebanon.
- From Beavertown, by Jeffriestown and Noblestown, to Cannonsburg.

- IN DELAWARE. From Milford to the village of Milton; a new route.
- IN MARYLAND. That the mail route from Easton to Princess Anne, shall pass over Dover Bridge, and by New-Market and Cambridge, the route from Easton, by the Trappe, to Cambridge, shall nevertheless be continued.
- From Easton to the Trappe, in Talbot county.
- From Harford to Michael's Store.

- IN VIRGINIA. From Kingwood, by Crab Orchard, Hagan's store, to Smithfield, in Pennsylvania.
- From Lewis Court House, by French Creek settlement, Flatwood's, and Elk river, to Nicholas Courthouse.
- From Woodring's mill, in Preston county, by Goff's Ferry, on Cheat river, to Leading Creed, in Randolph county.
- From the mouth of Fishing Creek, on Ohio river, by Buffalo, Barnes' Mills, Prickett's settlement, and Smithfield, to Kingwood.
- From Springfield to Romney, in Hampshire county.
- From Morgantown, by Jackson's Iron Works, Carlisle's Furnace, to Sandy Creek Glades.
- From Carlottesville, by Warren, to Buckingham Court House.
- From Culpepper Court House, by State Mills, to Woodville.
- From Staunton, by Little River, to the Panther Gap.
- From Jacksonsville, in Wood county, by Murphy's settlement, to Lewis Court House.

- That the mail route from Marietta to Wheeling, pass by Sisterville, and the mouth of Fishing creek.
- That the mail route from the Warm Springs, in Bath county, by Anthony's Creek, to Lewisburg, shall, in returning, pass by Frankford, Locust Creek, Barde's mill, Cackley's, Bradshaw's, and Gatewoods, to the Warm Springs.
- IN NORTH-CAROLINA. From Salisbury to Fayetteville.
- From Wilkesborough, by Mock's Old Fields, Salisbury, Skeen's Ferry, Law-

- renceville, Wadesborough, and Sneedsborough, to Cheraw, formerly Chatham, in South-Carolina.
- From Charlotte, by Chester Ct. House, and Newberry Court House, to Edgefield Court House, in South-Carolina.
- That the mail route from Fayetteville to Wilmington pass by David Wright's store, in Duplin county.
- From Salisbury, by Fulton, to Huntsville.

- IN SOUTH-CAROLINA. From Columbia, by Asheville & Warm Springs, in North-Carolina, to Lexington, in Kentucky.
- From Coosawatchi, by Robertsville and King Creek, to Augusta.

- IN GEORGIA. From Monticello, by Monroe, in Walton county, and Lawrenceville, in Gwinnett county, to Hall Court House.
- From Jefferson to Fairfield, in Camden county.
- From Carnesville, by Habersham Court House, to Rabun Court House.
- From Powellton, in Hancock county, by Greensborough, to Madison, in Morgan county.
- From Carnesville, by Bushville, to Hall Court House.

- IN KENTUCKY. From Franklin to Nashville, in Tennessee.
- From Eddyville, by Iron Banks, to New Madrid, in Missouri.
- That the post route from Barkesville to Monticello shall pass by Robt. Poage's in Stockton's Valley.
- That the post route from Columbia to Glasgow shall pass by Edmonton, in Barren county.
- From Scottsville to Cairo, in Tennessee.
- From Falmouth, in Pendleton county, passing the three forks of Grassy creek and Gains's, to Burlington, in Boone county.
- From Bowling Green, by Litchfield and Hardinsburg, to Corydon, in Indiana.

- IN TENNESSEE. From Clinton to Burkesville, in Kentucky.
- From Washington, in Rhea county, by Hamilton Court House, and the new turnpike road, to Morgantown, at the mouth of Sequatchee, by Marion Court House, and Jackson Court House, to Huntsville, in Alabama.
- From McMinnville, by Shelby, to Columbia.
- From Sparta, by Cookeville, Gainesborough, and Meigsville, to Tompkinsville, in Kentucky.
- From Kingston, by Washington, to Huntsville, in Alabama.
- That the route from Springfield to Russellville, in Kentucky, shall pass Fort's mills, on Red River.
- From Murfreesborough to Statesville.
- From Vernon, by Perry Court House, to Reynoldsburg.

- IN OHIO. From Lebanon, by Monroe, to Hamilton.
- From Washington, in Pennsylvania, by Wellsburg, in Va. Steubenville, New Salem, New Philadelphia, Wooster, and Norwalk, to Lower Sandusky.
- From Canton, in Stark county, by New Portage, Norton, and Wadsworth, to Medina, in Medina county.
- From Lancaster, by Circleville, to Chillicothe.
- From Granville, in Licking county, by Worthington, to Dublin, in Franklin county.
- From Urbanna, by Troy, to Granville, in Dark county.
- From Dover, in Tuscarawas county, by Shanesville and Berlin, to Millersburgh, in Coshocton county.
- From Dresden, in the county of Muskingum, to Mansfield, in the county of Richland, by the way of West Cripple, in Coshocton county.
- From Aurelius, by Duck Creek Salt Works, in Morgan county, by Senacaville, to Guernsey Salt Works, and to Washington Guernsey county.

- IN INDIANA. From Brownstown to Indianapolis.
- From Vernon to Indianapolis.
- From Connersville to Indianapolis.
- From Lawrenceburgh, by Aurora, Hanover, & the Rising Sun, to Versailles, and to return by the way of Vaughan's, in Manchester township.
- From Richmond, by Salisbury and Centreville to Indianapolis.
- From Brookville to Indianapolis.

- IN ILLINOIS. From Golconda, by Franklin Court House, and Hind's, to Vandalia.
- From Golconda to Belgrade.
- From Shawanecourt to Golconda.
- The mail from Vincennes, Indiana, to St. Louis, Missouri, shall pass by Vandalia.
- From Vandalia, by the seats of justice of such counties as may be established by the Legislature prior to the next session of Congress, north of Madison county, to Edwardsville.
- From Fairfield, by J. B. Fitch's, to Vandalia.
- From Palestine to Vandalia.
- The mail from Golconda, by Bloomfield, to Jonesborough, to pass by Vienna.

- IN MISSISSIPPI. From Columbia, by Fort Alford's to Monticello.