

That the memorable Victory gained over the *French* near *Minden* has long made a deep Impression on the Minds of His Majesty's People; and that, if the Crisis in which that Battle was fought, the superior Numbers of the Enemy, and the great and able Conduct of His Majesty's General, Prince *Ferdinand* of *Brandenwick*, are considered, that Action must be the Subject of lasting Admiration and Thankfulness.

That if any thing could fill the Breasts of His Majesty's good Subjects with still farther Degrees of Exultation, it is the distinguished and unbroken Valour of His Majesty's Troops, owned and applauded by those whom they overcame. The glory they have gained is not merely their own; but, in a national View, is one of the most important Circumstances of our Success, as it must be a striking Admonition to our Enemies, with whom they have to contend.

That His Majesty's good Brother and Ally the King of *Prussia*, attacked and surrounded by so many considerable Powers, has, by his Magnanimity and Abilities, and the Bravery of his Troops, been able, in a surprizing Manner, to prevent the Mischiefs concerted with such united Force against him.

His Majesty has farther commanded us to observe to you, That, as His Majesty entered into this War, not from Views of Ambition, so he does not wish to continue it from Motives of Resentment. The Desire of His Majesty's Heart is, to see a Stop put to the Effusion of Christian Blood. Whenever such Terms of Peace can be established, as shall be just and honourable for His Majesty and His Allies, and by procuring such Advantages, as, from the Successes of His Majesty's Arms, may, in Reason and Equity, be expected, shall bring along with them full Security for the future; His Majesty will rejoice to see the Repose of *Europe* restored on such solid and durable Foundations, and His faithful Subjects, to whose liberal Support and unshaken Firmness His Majesty owes so much, happy in the Enjoyment of the Blessings of Peace and Tranquillity. But, in order to this great and desirable End, His Majesty is confident you will agree with Him, that it is necessary to make ample Provision for carrying on the War, in all Parts, with the utmost Vigour.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

We are commanded by His Majesty to assure you, That the great Supplies, which were given the last Session, have been faithfully employed for the Purposes for which they were granted; but the uncommon Extent of this War, and the various Services necessary to be provided for, in order to secure Success to His Majesty's Measures, have unavoidably occasioned extraordinary Expenses, an Account of which will be laid before you.

His Majesty has also ordered the proper Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year to be prepared and laid before you; and His Majesty desires you to grant Him such Supplies, as shall be necessary to sustain and press, with Effect, all our extensive Operations against the Enemy; and, at the same Time, by the Blessing of God, to repel and frustrate their daring Designs against His Majesty's Kingdoms.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

His Majesty has, in the last Place, been graciously pleased to command us to repeat to you the Assurances of the high Satisfaction His Majesty takes in that Union and good Harmony, which is so conspicuous amongst His faithful Subjects; happy in seeing it continued and confirmed; and to observe to you, that Experience has shewn, how much we all owe to it; and that nothing else can effectually secure the true Happiness of His People.