

## BRITISH NEWS.

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**Y**ESTERDAY his Majesty went in state to the House of Lords, and being seated on the Throne, with the usual ceremonies, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent to desire the immediate attendance of the Commons, and they having come to the bar, his Majesty addressed them in the following most gracious speech from the throne :

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

It is a great satisfaction to me to inform you, that the differences which had arisen between me and the Court of Spain have happily been brought to an amicable termination.

I have ordered copies of the declarations exchanged between my Ambassador and the Minister of the Catholic King, and of the Convention which has since been concluded, to be laid before you.

The objects which I have proposed to myself in the whole of this transaction, have been to obtain a suitable reparation for the act of violence committed at Nootka, and to remove the grounds of similar disputes in future; as well as to secure to my subjects the exercise of their navigation, commerce, and fisheries in those parts of the world which were the subject of discussion.

The zeal and public spirit manifested by all ranks of my subjects, and the disposition and conduct of my allies, had led me to room to doubt of the most vigorous and effectual support; but no event could have afforded me so much satisfaction, as the attainment of the objects which I had in view, without any actual interruption of the blessings of peace.

Since the last session of Parliament, a foundation has been laid for a pacification between Austria and the Porte, and I am now employing my mediation, in conjunction with my allies, for the purpose of negotiating a definitive treaty between those Powers, and of endeavouring to put an end to the dissensions in the Netherlands, in whose situation I am necessarily concerned, from considerations of National interests, as well as from the engagements of friendship.

A separate peace has taken place between Russia and Sweden, but the war between the former of those Powers and the Porte still continues. The principles on which I have hitherto acted, will make me always desirous of employing the weight and influence of this country in contributing to the restoration of general tranquillity.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have ordered the accounts of the expences of the late armaments, and the estimates for the ensuing year to be laid before you.

Painful as it is to me at all times to see any increase of the public burthens, I am persuaded you will agree with me in thinking that the extent of our preparations was dictated by a due regard to the existing circumstances, and that you will reflect with pleasure on so striking a proof of the advantages derived from the liberal supplies granted since the last peace for the Naval service. I rely on your zeal and public spirit to make due provision for defraying the charges incurred by this armament, and for supporting the several branches of the public service on such a footing as the general situation of affairs may appear to require. You will at the same time, I am persuaded, shew your determination invariably to persevere in that system which has so effectually confirmed and maintained the public credit of the nation.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

You will have observed with concern the interruption which has taken place in the tranquillity of our Indian possessions, in consequence of the unprovoked attack on an ally of the British Nation. The respectable state however of the forces under the direction of the Government there, and the confidence in the British name, which the system prescribed by Parliament has established among the native Powers in India, afford the most favourable prospect of bringing the contest to a speedy and successful conclusion.

I think it necessary particularly to call your attention to the state of the province of Quebec, and to recommend it to you to consider of such regulations for its Government as the present circumstances and condition of the province may appear to require.

I am satisfied that I shall on every occasion receive the fullest proofs of your zealous and affectionate attachment, which cannot but afford me peculiar satisfaction after so recent an opportunity of collecting the immediate sense of my people.

You may be assured, that I desire nothing so much on my part as to cultivate an entire harmony and confidence between Me and my Parliament, for the purpose of preserving and transmitting to posterity the invaluable blessings of our free and excellent constitution, and of concurring with you in every measure which can maintain the advantages of our present situation, and promote and augment the prosperity and happiness of my faithful subjects.

*Dec.*