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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

YOUR Majesty, by your speech from the throne, having, at the moment in which you are preparing to carry on the war with the greatest vigour, declared your wish of procuring for your subjects and their interest that protection by peace, which you are endeavouring to obtain for them by war; having, under the same conscious magnanimity as you put an end to the late war, expressed to the world your readiness to put an end to this.

The French King having, by his letter to the Archbishop of Paris, given pledge, in an act of devotion, to his royal word, that he is desirous of peace.

Two August and Imperial Sovereigns having offered their mediation in negotiations to the same end.

The Americans (the source, cause, and object of the war) having, by persons *authorized by them to treat of peace*, declared, *that any reasonable measures to that end, should have every assistance in their power,*

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