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severely felt; an army of foreign troops, a thing unprecedented, unheard of, unknown, brought into England, cannot but alarm: but still they depend, still they confide in your Majesty, and only beg leave most humbly to say, they hope that their burden may be lightened; their fears removed, as soon as possible; and in the mean time, that the sword of these foreigners shall not be entrusted a moment out of your own hand, to any other person whatsoever.

His Ma-  
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speech.

His Majesty then closed the sessions with a most gracious speech, thanking the members of both houses for their unwearied application to public business, and for their vigorous and effectual support in maintaining the just and national cause.—He acquainted them, that as the injuries and hostilities, which have been, for some time, committed by the French, were now followed by the actual invasion of Minorca, an island guaranteed to Great Britain by all the powers of Europe, and and in particular by the French King; he had therefore found himself obliged to declare war in form, and relied on the divine protection, and the vigorous assistance of his faithful subjects.—Then addressing the commons, his Majesty particularly thank'd them for their readiness and dispatch in granting the large supplies; and gave his royal word that they should be strictly applied to the good purposes for which they were granted.—Then speaking to both houses, he concluded with these words: Nothing has given me more inward satisfaction,  
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