

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Preamble.



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary Supplies which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved to give and grant to Your Majesty the Sum herein after mentioned ; and do therefore most humbly be-

£,650,000 l.  
granted out of  
the Sinking  
Fund, for the  
Service of the  
current Year

to be issued by  
the Treasury  
accordingly.

Treasury im-  
powered to  
raise the said  
Sum, or any  
Part thereof,  
by Loans or  
Exchequer  
Bills, on the  
Credit of the  
Sinking Fund,

seech Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That by or out of such Monies as shall from Time to Time be and remain in the Receipt of the Exchequer, of the Surplusses, Excesses, Overplus Monies, and other Revenues composing the Fund commonly called The Sinking Fund, after paying, or reserving sufficient to pay, all such Sums of Money as have been directed by any former Act or Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same, there shall and may be issued and applied, for and towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, a Sum not exceeding One million six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds ; and the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer for the Time being, are or is hereby authorized and impowered to issue and apply the same accordingly.

And it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury now or for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, or the High Treasurer for the Time being, shall think it adviseable to raise the said Sum of One million six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, by Loans or Exchequer Bills, in Manner herein-after mentioned, that it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate, to advance or lend to His Majesty, at the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, any Sum or Sums