

What other Power can object to Proceedings so absolutely necessary to Our own Defence and Security? My Good Brother, the King of *Spain*, sees with Concern these Differences; and the Part which He generously takes in the Common Welfare of *Europe*, makes Him earnestly wish the Preservation of the Publick Tranquility. He has also given Assurances, that He will continue in the same Pacifick Sentiments.

In pursuing these great Ends, I make no Doubt of the vigorous and chearful Support of My Parliament; and that, whilst I am engaged in this Just and National Cause, the affectionate Assurances which they gave Me the last Session, will be effectually made good. In Consequence thereof I have greatly increased My Naval Armaments; augmented My Land Forces in such a Manner as might be the least burthensome; and have concluded a Treaty with the Empress of *Russia*, and another with the Landgrave of *Hesse Cassell*, which shall be laid before you.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have ordered the proper Officers to lay before you Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year, and likewise Accounts of the extraordinary Expences which have been made this Year, in Pursuance of the Power given Me by Parliament. I see, with great Concern, that the necessary Services before mentioned will require large Supplies. I ask only such as shall be requisite for the effectual carrying on of those Measures, which shall be necessary to support what has been begun, according to your Inclination, for the Security of My Kingdoms and Dominions, and for the Purposes which have been already mentioned to you. Whatever you grant, shall, with the strictest Oeconomy, be applied to those Uses only for which it shall be given.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I rely upon your Duty and good Affections, which I have so often experienced. There never was a Situation in which My Honour, and the Essential Interests of *Great Britain*, called more strongly for your Zeal, Unanimity, and Dispatch.