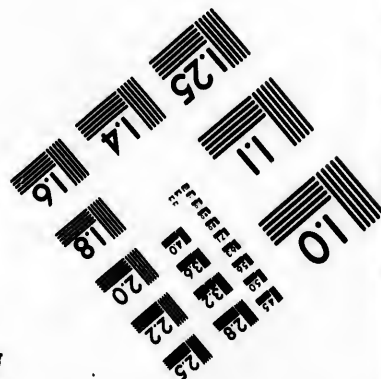
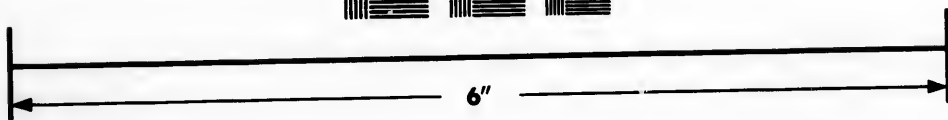
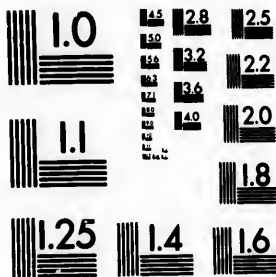


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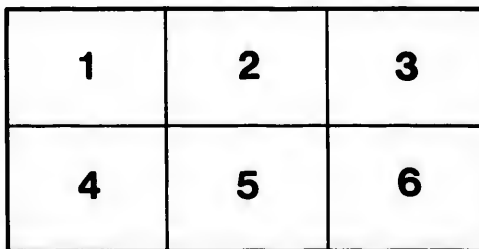
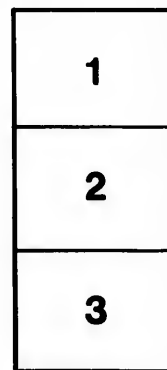
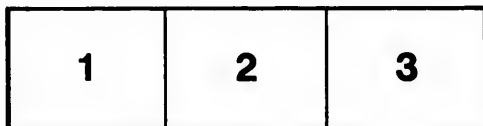
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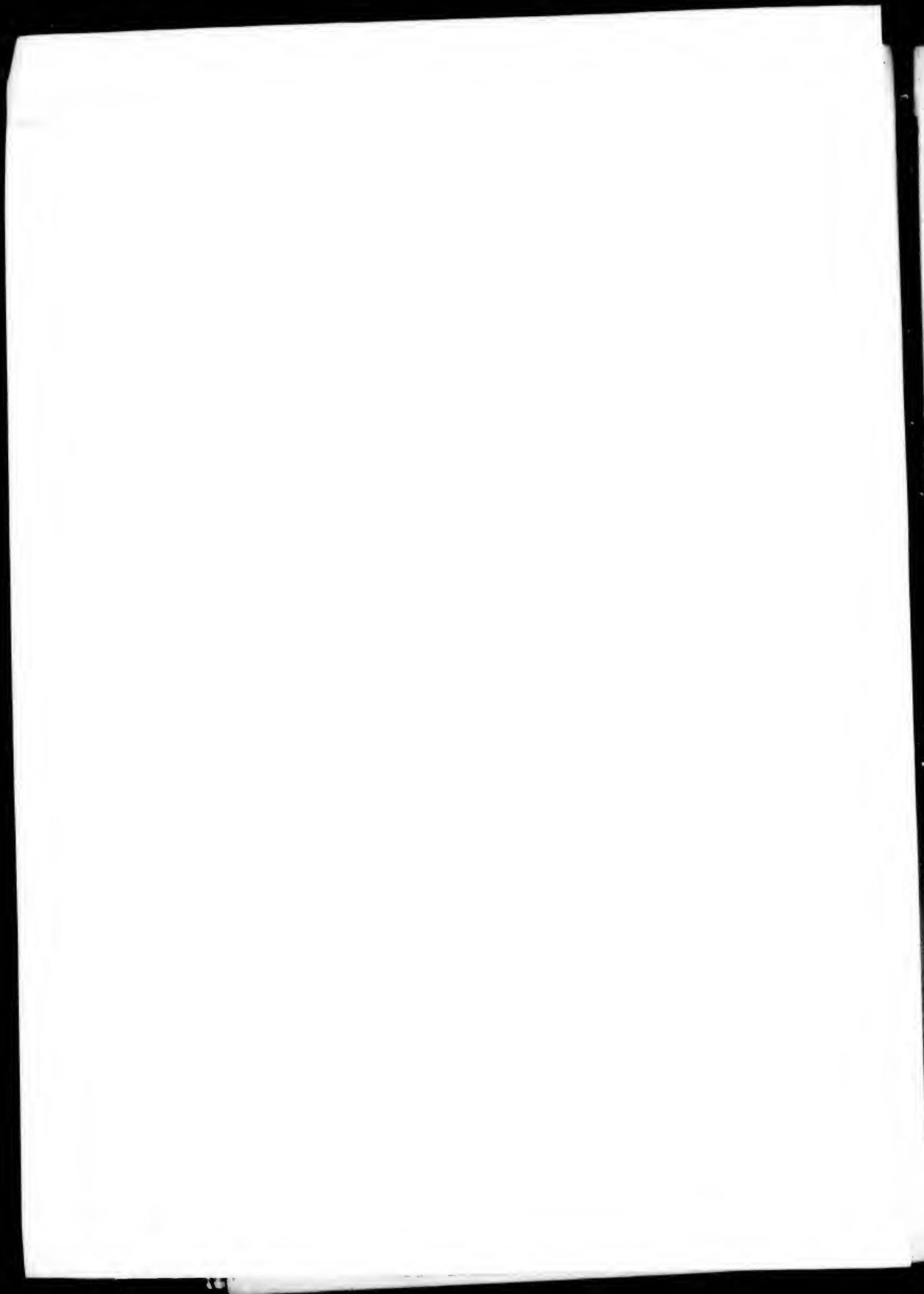
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On *Thursday* the Twenty seventh Day of *May*, 1756.



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His MAJESTY's most gracious SPEECH
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My Lords, and Gentlemen,



AFTER so long and unwearied Application to the Publick Business, it is reasonable that I should give you some Recess. I must, at the same Time, return you My hearty Thanks for the vigorous and effectual Support you have given Me, in maintaining that just and national Cause, in which I am engaged.

The Injuries and Hostilities, which have been for some Time committed by the *French* against My Dominions and Subjects, are now followed by the actual Invasion of the Island of *Minorca*; which stands guaranteed to Me by all the great Powers of *Europe*, and in particular by the *French* King. I have therefore found Myself obliged, in Vindication of the Honour of My Crown, and of the Rights of My People, to declare War in Form against *France*. I rely on the Divine Protection, and the vigorous Assistance of My faithful Subjects, in so just a Cause.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you My hearty Thanks for the Readiness and Dispatch with which you have granted Me such
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large Supplies. You may depend on their being strictly applied to the good Purposes, for which they were given.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Nothing has given Me more inward Satisfaction, than the Confidence which you repose in Me. It is the most acceptable Return you could make to Me; and you may be assured, shall be made use of only for your Good. The Preservation of your Religion, Liberties, and Independency, is, and always shall be, My great Aim; and I trust you will not be wanting to yourselves.

Then the Lord Chancellor, having receiv'd Directions from His Majesty, said;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majesty's Pleasure, That both Houses of Parliament should forthwith severally adjourn themselves to Friday the Eighteenth Day of June next.

