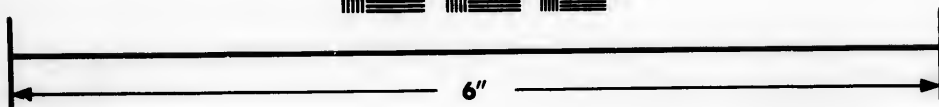
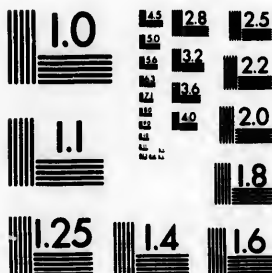


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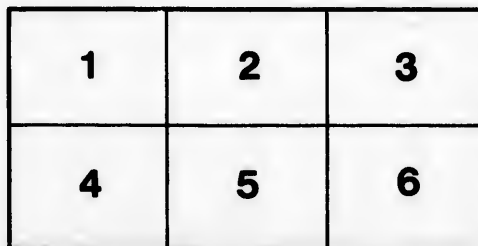
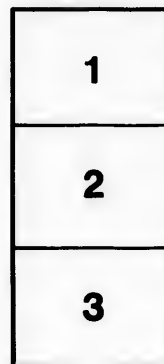
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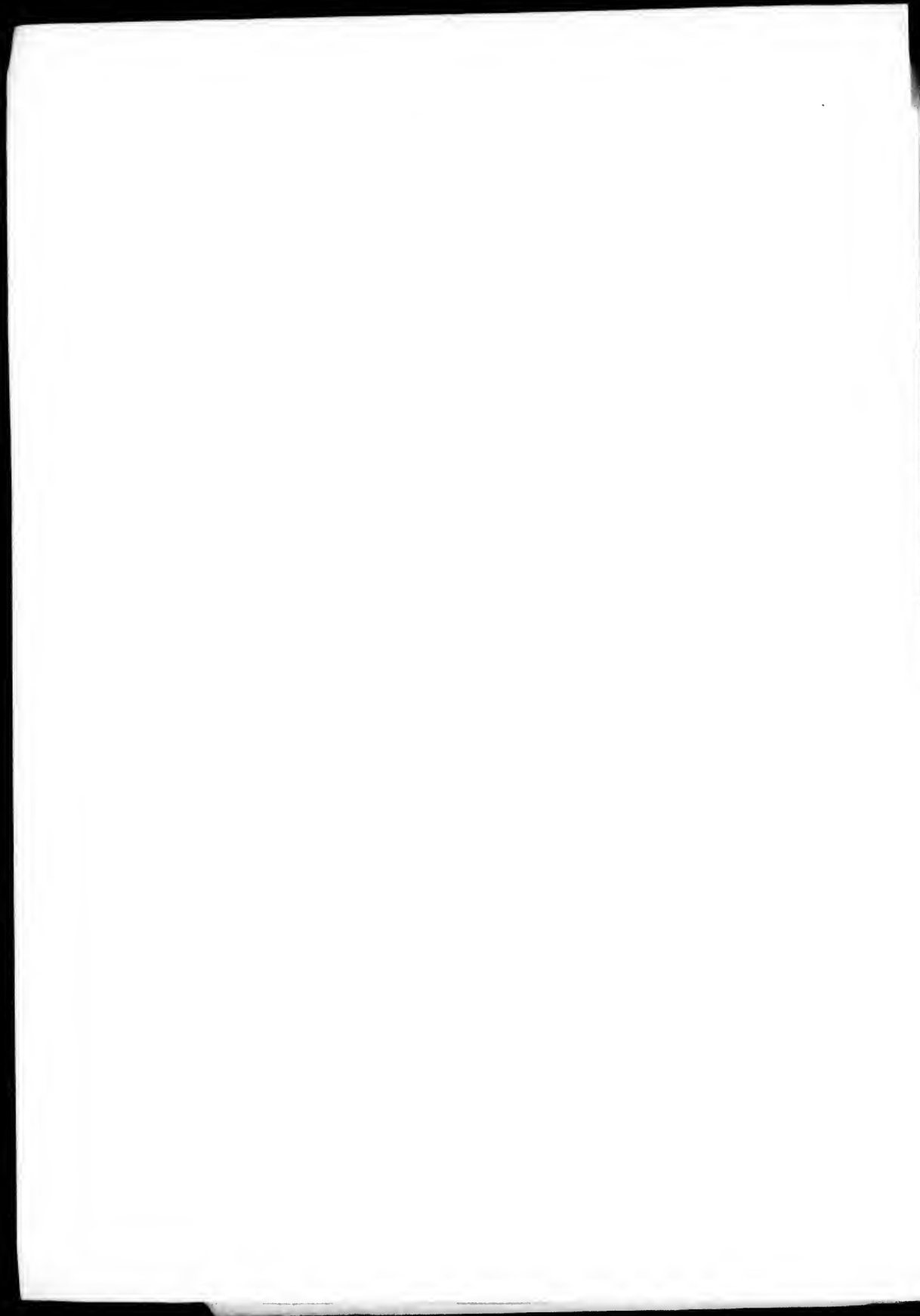
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His MAJESTY's most gracious SPEECH to
both HOUSES of Parliament, on *Thursday* the
Thirteenth Day of *November*, 1755.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,



THE present critical Conjunction of Affairs, and My constant Inclination to have the Advice and Assistance of My Parliament on all important Occasions, have made Me desirous to meet you here as early as possible.

Since your last Session, I have taken such Measures as might be most conducive to the Protection of Our Possessions in *America*, and to the Regaining of such Parts thereof, as had been encroached upon, or invaded,

in Violation of the Peace, and contrary to the Faith of the most solemn Treaties.

For this Purpose, the Maritime Force of this Kingdom has been got ready with the utmost Application and Expedition, and been principally employed; some Land Forces have been sent from hence to *North America*; and all proper Encouragement has been given to the several Colonies there, to exert themselves in their own Defence, and in the Maintenance of the Rights and Possessions of *Great Britain*.

With a sincere Desire to preserve My People from the Calamities of War, as well as to prevent, in the midst of these Troubles, a General War from being lighted up in *Europe*, I have been always ready to accept reasonable and honourable Terms of Accommodation; but none such have hitherto been proposed on the Part of *France*. I have also confined My Views and Operations to hinder *France* from making new Encroachments, or supporting those already made; to exert our Right to a Satisfaction for Hostilities committed in a Time of profound Peace; and to disappoint such Designs, as, from various Appearances and Preparations, there is Reason to think, have been formed against My Kingdoms and Dominions.

By these Methods, I have pursued the Plan, which I formerly pointed out to you, and for which I had the Satisfaction to receive the strongest Assurances of your vigorous Support.

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.

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