

His Majesty acquaints the House of Commons, that when He mounted the Throne now above twenty two years, He had the pleasing hope that being born in this Kingdom, He might have proved the happy Instrument of conciliating all Parties, and thus collecting to the Service of the State, the most respectable and most able Persons this Nation produced. Of this Object He has never lost sight, though sad experience now teaches Him, that selfish Views are so prevalent, that they have smothered the first of Public Virtues, Attachment to the Country, which ought to warm the breast of every Individual who enjoys the Advantages of this Excellent Constitution, and the want of which Sentiment has prevented that Unanimity which must have rendered Britain invulnerable, though attacked by the most powerful Combinations.

The Inclination of His Majesty to alleviate the Distresses of His People, added to the Change of Sentiments of one branch of the Legislature, which rendered the real object of the War impracticable, made Him undertake the arduous task of obtaining the blessings of Peace, become more difficult by the Revolution above alluded to; He therefore rejoiced when the Preliminary Articles were concluded.

Subsequent events having made it necessary to form a new Administration, His Majesty has made

repeated attempts to collect the most efficient Men of all Denominations who under His Majesty's Inspection might with Dispatch and Confidence proceed in forming the Definitive Treaties, and carry on the general business of the State to the most Advantage.

This Patriotic Endeavour has proved unsuccessful, by the Obstinacy of a Powerful Combination that has long publicly manifested a resolution of not entering into the Public Service, unless the whole Executive management of Affairs is thrown entirely into their hands, and, from which they have not departed on the present Occasion; at the same time want of zeal prevents others from standing forth at this Critical conjuncture.

His Majesty from Obedience to the Oath He took at His Coronation will never exceed the Powers Vested in Him, nor on the other hand ever submit to be the tool of a Party. He must therefore end this conflict which certainly puts a stop to every Wheel of Government, and call upon those who feel for the spirit of the Constitution to stand forth to His Assistance.