

HIS MAJESTIES GRACIOUS MESSAGE

To both His Houses of *P A R L I A M E N T*,

FEBRUARY the 20th.



Hereas His Majesty hath (together with a Treaty) proposed a Cessation of Arms to both His Houses of Parliament now 16. dayes since, to which as yet He hath received no Answer: To the end that His Majesty may so cleerly understand the Houses, that no such Imputations (as have been formerly) may after be laid upon Him upon occasion of any thing that may intervene: His Majesty desires, if a Cessation shall be approved of by them, That the day upon which the Cessation is thought fit to begin, and such particular Limits and Conditions of that Cessation as are necessary to be understood and agreed on before the Cessation it selfe can actually begin, be proposed by them at the same time with their Approbation of it, Since as His Majesty supposeth by the present great Preparation of severall Forces of the Earle of Essex to march severall wayes, that till such time as this be done, they doe not conceive themselves obliged to an actuall Cessation; So neither till then doth His Majesty conceive Himselfe obliged to it.

