

Speech of the Ambassadors of the High
Mighty States of Holland,
To His Majesty of Great Britain,

Sir,
THE Joy we feel to see Your Majesty upon that August Throne, does so fill our Hearts and Thoughts that we fear we shall not be able to acquit our selves as we ought of the Orders given us by our Lords and Masters, the States General of the United Provinces never was Joy more just and Lawful. At a time when the Protestant Religion was Threatened with Total Ruin; when these Kingdoms were in danger of being invaded, and our Republick had Reason to dread the greatest Calamities.

At a time when Arbitrary Power and Popery thought to bring all Europe under their Yoke; when Superstition and Persecution, these intemperate Companions Armed with Fire and Sword seemed ready to Destroy all.

In that time of Terror and Anguish God by a wonderful Effect of His Omnipotence put the Shepherd into Your Majestys Hands, so quiet our Minds, to defend His Church to Support his People, and to Preserve the Laws and Libertys, may Everlasting Praise be Returned Him for it.

Sir, Their High and Mightinesses, had the Honour to Signifie to Your Majesty from their own Mouths, how sensible they were of this happy Event.

They desired the Friendship and good Will of your Majesty, as the most firm Support of their States; they assured Your M. that they will do their utmost to detieve that Precious Friendshipp and that they have nothing so much at Heart as to Live in perfect Harmony with Your Majesty, and on all Occasions to Testifie an inviolable Attachment to Your Majestys interest.

They Testify to Your Majesty, their Desire to Renew the Strictest Alliances, and to Contrabute all that lyes in their Power to encrease that good Union so necessary to two Nations, founded on Principles of Religion and Liberty.

They offered up Vows in Your Majestys Presence and continue them still, that the Sacred Tyes of the Union which were Formed since our of mind, and further Confirmed during the Reigns of the Glorious Queen *Eliz:* and of King *William* whose Memoties will be always held Blessed, by People of worth, may be made indissoluable during Your Majesty Reign.

These Sir, are the sincere and Respectfull Sentiments which their High Mightinesses Repeat this Day by us, happy are those Ministers who like us have orders from their Masters so Consonant to their own inclination freed from the Trouble of Studying Obscure and Equivocal Expressions, they sincerely Deliver the Sentiments of their own Hearts.

More happy still to have an Opportunity to declair those Orders, to a King who hates Flattery, and who Leaving it to Idolatrous Princes to please themselves with the incense of Adoration, Contents himself with such Terms of Esteem and Love as his Allies and Subjects pronounce with equal Satisfaction, to a King Valiant, Wise, prudent, Just, Gracious and Mild; who places his Grandeur in the practise of his Royal and Christian Vertues.

May GOD prolong beyond the ordinary Course of Nature, a Life adorned with those Admirable Qualities.

May GOD fill up Your Majestys Reign with the Choicest of Blessings, and continue them in Your Royal Family, to the end of Time.

Permit us Sir, To Request Your Majesty that Ye would be pleased to Accept our endeavours to attain the end proposed, by our Sovereign, to make our selves worthy of Your Majestys protection, and to perswade Your Majesty of our most Humble Respects and profound Veneration.

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