

*The* SPEECH of the Speaker of the House of Commons,  
on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 1714, upon Presenting to the Lords Justices  
the Bill for the better Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Ho-  
nour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain; together with the other  
Money Bill which then passed the Royal Assent.

MY LORDS,

**T**HE Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, under the present Happiness they Enjoy by His Majesty's peaceable and quiet Accession to the Throne, could not enter upon any Work more Satisfactory and Pleasing to themselves, than the providing a sufficient Revenue for the Occasions of His Majesty's Civil Government, in order to make His Reign as Easy and Prosperous as the Beginning of it hath been Secure and Undisturbed.

They are sensible, that the Peace of the Kingdom is not to be Preserv'd, nor the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects to be Protected, without Supporting the just Authority and Dignity of the Crown; and therefore they have thought it their Interest, as well as Duty, to make such a Provision as may not barely suffice to the Necessities of the Government, but may be suitable to the State, the Honour, the Lustre, which the Crown of *Great Britain* ought to be attended with.

Whatsoever is superfluous in that Provision, and more than the ordinary Services of His Majesty shall require, will but enable Him to exert His highest and most valuable Prerogative of doing Good: And we can give no greater Proof of the Trust we repose in His Majesty's Gracious Disposition, than by putting the same entire Revenue into His Hands which Her late Majesty died possess'd of; whose Virtues we all admired, and of whose Affection and Concern for the Religion, Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom, we had had so long Experience.

As the Crown itself descends immediately, and knows no Vacancy, the Commons have taken Care that the Revenue should follow it as close as possible, for they have given all the Dispatch to this Grant which the Forms of their Proceedings would allow: So that when His Majesty shall please to answer the impatient Desires of His People, by coming to take Possession of His Kingdoms, He will find Himself equally Establish'd in these Revenues, as if He had succeeded to them All by an uninterrupted Right of Inheritance: The only Difference is this, That if He had Inherited them, He would have wanted one signal Proof of the Duty, and Affection, and Unanimity of His Subjects.

Our Desire is, That this may be look'd upon as an Earnest and a Pledge of that Zeal and Fidelity which We shall always Retain, and which upon every Occasion we shall be ready to Demonstrate to His Majesty's Person and Government: As such, we hope, His Majesty will Graciously Accept it at this Time; and hereafter, when He shall have had Experience of this first Voluntary Offering of His Loyal Commons, we hope He will find it to His Satisfaction, as Large and as Ample as He could Wish; might but the Term of the Grant be as long as we could Wish, since it is to have equal Continuance with His Majesty's Life.

My LORDS,

The Bill which the Commons have pass'd for the Purposes I have mention'd, is Intituled, *An Act for the better Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain.*

They have also prepared another Bill, as well for rectifying Mistakes in the Names of the Commissioners for the Land-Tax, as for raising so much as is wanting to make up the Sum of Fourteen hundred thousand Pounds intended to be raised by a Lottery for the Publick Service in the Year 1714. This having been recommended to their Care, and appearing to them to be Necessary for His Majesty's and the Publick Service, they have Reason to think they have now abundantly supplied the Defects in the former Provision; and in this Assurance, they humbly present this Bill also for the Royal Assent.

**B**y Virtue of an Order of the House of Commons, I do Appoint John Barber, Henry Clements, and Charles King, to Print this Speech; And that no other Person presume to Print the same.

T H O. H A N M E R, Speaker.

