

Enclosure

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House of Lords

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1783.

The Order of the Day being Read for the Lords to be Summoned

Mov'd That the Preliminary Articles be now Read.

The same were accordingly Read by the Clerks.

The Earl of Pembroke Mov'd That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to return His Majesty the Thanks of this House for His Gracious Condescension in ordering to be laid before Us the Preliminary Articles of the different Treaties which His Majesty hath concluded and to assure His Majesty that we have considered them with that Attention which so important a Subject requires.

To Express in the most dutiful Manner to His Majesty our Satisfaction That His Majesty has in Consequence of the Powers intrusted to him laid the Foundation by the Provisional Articles with the States of North America for a Treaty of Peace which we trust will ensure perfect Reconciliation and Friendship between both Countries.

That in this Confidence we presume to express to His Majesty our just Expectations that the

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States of North America will carry into effectual and satisfactory Execution those Measures which the Congress is so solemnly bound by the Treaty to recommend in Favour of such Persons as have suffered for the part which they have taken in the War; And that We consider this Circumstance as the surest Indication of returning Friendship And to acknowledge to His Majesty our due sense of that wise and paternal Regard for the Happiness of His Subjects which induced His Majesty to relieve them from a burthenome and expensive War by the Preliminary Articles of Peace concluded between His Majesty and the Most Christian and Catholic Kings.

To Assure His Majesty that We shall encourage and promote every Exertion of His Subjects of Great Britain and Ireland in the Cultivation and Improvement of those Resources which must tend to the certain Augmentation of our publick Strength And that with these Views We shall most diligently turn our Attention to the Revision of all our Commercial Laws and endeavour to frame them upon such liberal Principles as may best extend our Trade and Navigation and proportionally

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encrease His Majesty's Naval Power which  
can alone ensure the Prosperity of His  
Dominions.

The L. Osborne seconded the said Address

Then the Earl of Carlisle Moved the following  
Amendment. *Viz*!

After the Word (concluded) in the first  
Paragraph of the said Address. To leave out  
the whole of the said Address and in stead  
thereof to insert To return our dutiful  
Thanks to His Majesty for the Communication  
of the Preliminary Articles of Peace and for  
having put a Stop to the Calamities of War  
by a Peace which being concluded we must  
consider as binding, and not to be infringed  
without a Violation of the National Faith. To  
assure His Majesty that We feel in the strongest  
Manner the Obligation of affording every  
Relief that can alleviate the Distresses of  
those deserving Subjects who have exposed  
their Lives and Fortunes for the Support of  
Great Britain and at the same Time We  
cannot help lamenting the Necessity which  
bids us subscribe to Articles which considering  
the relative Situation of the Belligerent Powers  
we must regard as inadequate to our just  
Expectation and derogatory to the Honour and

Dignity of Great Britain.

C: Coventry —	ag. <sup>th</sup>
L. Walsingham —	For
L. Hawke —	ag. <sup>th</sup>
Wic <sup>t</sup> . Dudley	For
D: Chandos —	ag. <sup>th</sup>
V. Townshend	For
D: Grafton —	ag. <sup>th</sup>
V. Keppel —	For
D: Grafton —	To Explain
D: Richmond.	
V. Stormont	For
L. Grantham	ag. <sup>th</sup>
V. Jackville	For
V. Howe	ag. <sup>th</sup>
V. Keppel	To observe
V. Howe	To Explain
L. King —	For
L. Wycombe	ag. <sup>th</sup>
Vic Keppel	To Order
L. Wycombe	Goes on
Vic Keppel	To Explain
D: Richmond	To observe
L. Wycombe	To Explain
L. Loughbrough	For