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The House of Commons have agreed to the
Address propos'd by the House of Lords
to be presented to your Majesty, without any
Division, but not *Remine Contradicente*.

When I mov'd the Concurrence, I open'd
the General State of the Proposition with the proper
Acknowledgements of your Majesty's Goodness
& Concern for our Wellfare, from which it
took its Rise, & observ'd that the Differences
between this & the former Act arose from the
Difference of Circumstances & from the great
Length of Time for which the present Provision
was made, compar'd with that of 4th of the
late King

late King. Lord North seconded the Motion
very properly. Mr Nicholson Calvert said that
He did not then object to the Address, but objected
to the Power of appointing the Regent, & to the
Constitution of the Council, which He compared to
that established by King Henry 6. to which He
attributed the Grovells during the Minority of his
Successor King Edward 6. Mr Beckford spoke
next, & carried it still farther, for He declared,
that with ^{small} possible Duty & Attachment to your
Majesty, He should oppose this Act in every
Step of it & must oppose the Address as implying
a general Approbation of it; That He thought there
was no Occasion for any Regency Bill whatever;
that whenever that grievous Calamity should
befall us, the Parl^t would take Care of the
Government, which They would do much better
& more properly

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& more properly than by giving a Power to name
a Regent, & a Council, which He entirely disapproved
of. Mr Nugent then spoke for the Proposition,
& shew'd the Propriety of it, & how unseemly it was
that the Address should not go without a Negative.
Mr George Oslow (the late Speakers Son) spoke
next, & recommended strongly Unanimity upon the
Address, but laid in his Claim to oppose the Bill
whenever it should come before the House.
He was follow'd by ^{young} Mr Tho. Townshend, who
went upon pretty much the same Grounds
with Mr Oslow, but with more Eagerness
against the Provisions of the Bill, which He
would suppose to come not from your Majesty,
but from your Ministers. This clos'd the Debate, the
Question was put, & carried without a Division but
Mr Beckford & Mr Calvert gave their Negatives
to it. Upon

to it. Upon the Whole, it appeared very plainly
that the Plan of the Opposition was to let the
Address go, but to resist the Provisions of the Bill
to the utmost. It seems to me advantageous that
this Plan has been thus laid open. I am therefore
glad, that I mov'd the Concurrence with the Lords
in such a manner as to give occasion to it.

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