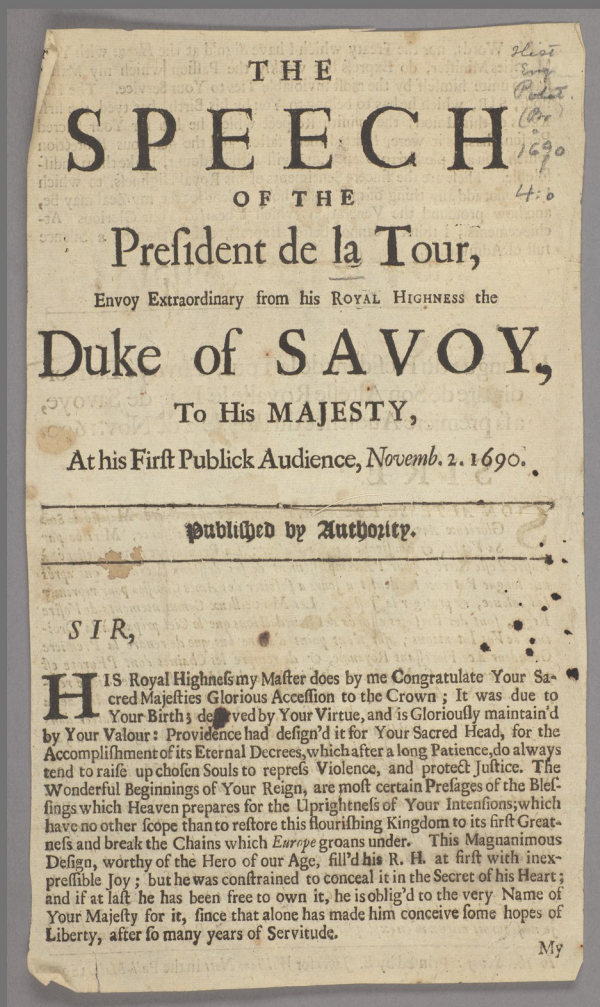


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President de la Tour,

Envoy Extraordinary from his ROYAL HIGHNESS the

Duke of SAVOY,

To His MAJESTY,

At his First Publick Audience, *Novemb. 2. 1690.*

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S I R,

HIS Royal Highness my Master does by me Congratulate Your Sacred Majesties Glorious Accession to the Crown ; It was due to Your Birth; deriv'd by Your Virtue, and is Gloriously maintain'd by Your Valour: Providence had design'd it for Your Sacred Head, for the Accomplishment of its Eternal Decrees, which after a long Patience, do always tend to raise up chosen Souls to repress Violence, and protect Justice. The Wonderful Beginnings of Your Reign, are most certain Presages of the Blessings which Heaven prepares for the Uprightness of Your Intensions; which have no other scope than to restore this flourishing Kingdom to its first Greatness and break the Chains which *Europe* groans under. This Magnanimous Design, worthy of the Hero of our Age, fill'd his R. H. at first with inexpressible Joy ; but he was constrained to conceal it in the Secret of his Heart ; and if at last he has been free to own it, he is oblig'd to the very Name of Your Majesty for it, since that alone has made him conceive some hopes of Liberty, after so many years of Servitude.

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My Words, nor the Treaty which I have Sign'd at the *Hague* with Your Majesties Minister, do Express but weakly the Passion which my Master has to unite himself by the most inviolable Ties to Your Service. The Honour, SIR, which he has to belong to You by his Birth, has tyed the first Knots of this Union; the infinite Respect which he has for Your Sacred Person, has, as it were, knitted them faster, and the generous Protection which You are pleas'd to Grant him, will without doubt, make them Indissoluble. These are the sincere Sentiments of his Royal Highness, to which I dare not add any thing of mine; for how ardent soever my Zeal may be, and how profound the Veneration which I bear to Your Glorious Achievements; I think I cannot better Express, either than by a Silence full of Admiration.

Envoy Extraordinaire from his ROYAL HIGHNESS the

Harangue du President de la Tour, Envoyé Extraordinaire de Son Altesse Royale le Duc de Savoye, a sa premiere Audience du Roy, le 2 de Nov. 1690.

S I R E,

SON ALTESSE ROYALLE Felicite Vostre Sacrée Majesté de Son Glorieux Advenement à la Couronne, due à Sa Naissance, Meritée par Sa Vertu, & Soutenné par Sa Valeur: La Providence l'avoit destinée à Vostre Teste Sacrée, pour l'Accomplissement de ses desseins Eternels, qui après une longue Patience tendent tousjours a susciter des Ames Choies pour reprimer la Violence, & proteger la Justice. Les Merveilleux Commencements de Vostre Regne, sont des Presages assurés des Benedictions que le Ciel prepare à la Droiture de Vos Intentions; qui n'ont point d'autre but que de rendre la Premiere Grandeur à ce Florissant Royaume, & de rompre les Chaines dont l'Europe est presque accablée. Ce Magnanime dessein digne du Heros de nostre Siecle remplit d'abord Son Altesse Royale d'une joye Indicible, mais il fut contraint de la tenir resserrée dans le Secret de son Cœur, & s'empêcha de la faire esclatter dans la suite; Il en a l'Obligation au nom mesme de Vostre Majesté qui a fait concevoir des Esperances de Liberté, apres tant d'Années de Servitude.

Mes paroles & le Traité que j'ay Signé à la Haye, avec le Ministre de Vostre Majesté n'expriment que foiblement la Passion qu'à mon Maistre de s'unir a Vostre Majesté, par un attachement Inviolable à son Service. L'Honneur SIRE, qu'il à de vous appartenir a formé les premiers noends de cette Union; le Respect infiny qu'il à pour Vostre Personne Sacrée les a serrés plus estroittement, & la Protection que vous luy accordés avec tant de Generosité, achevera de les rendre Indissolubles. Ce sont les Sentiments sinceres de Son Altesse Royale auxquels je n'oserois rien mesler du mien; car quelque ardent que soit le Zele & quelque profonde que soit la Veneration que j'ay pour la Gloire de Vostre Majesté; je ne scaurois mieux m'en expliquer que par un silence de Respect & d'Admiration.