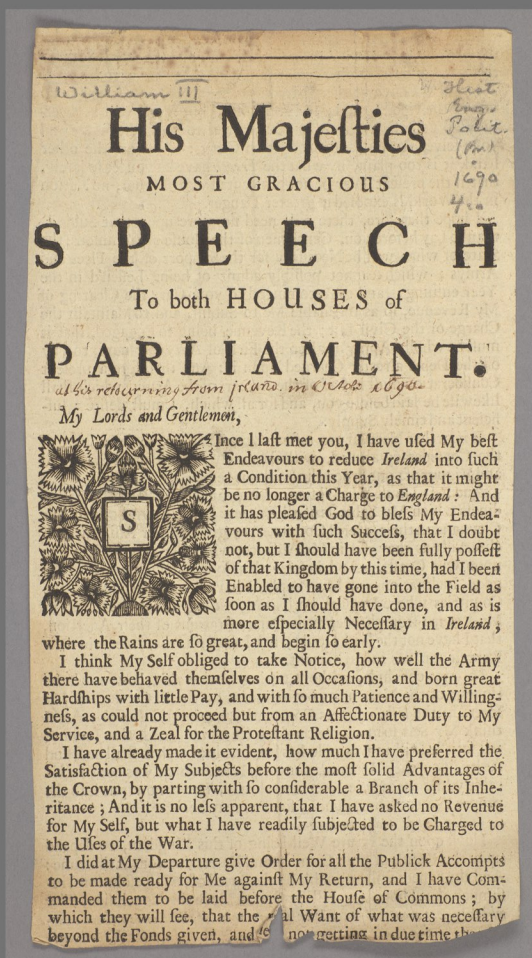


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His Majesties most gracious speech to ...



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To both HOUSES of

PARLIAMENT.

at his returning from Ireland in October 1690.

My Lords and Gentlemen,



Since I last met you, I have used My best Endeavours to reduce *Ireland* into such a Condition this Year, as that it might be no longer a Charge to *England*: And it has pleased God to bless My Endeavours with such Success, that I doubt not, but I should have been fully possess'd of that Kingdom by this time, had I been Enabled to have gone into the Field as soon as I should have done, and as is more especially Necessary in *Ireland*, where the Rains are so great, and begin so early.

I think My Self obliged to take Notice, how well the Army there have behaved themselves on all Occasions, and born great Hardships with little Pay, and with so much Patience and Willingness, as could not proceed but from an Affectionate Duty to My Service, and a Zeal for the Protestant Religion.

I have already made it evident, how much I have preferred the Satisfaction of My Subjects before the most solid Advantages of the Crown, by parting with so considerable a Branch of its Inheritance; And it is no less apparent, that I have asked no Revenue for My Self, but what I have readily subjected to be Charged to the Uses of the War.

I did at My Departure give Order for all the Publick Accounts to be made ready for Me against My Return, and I have Comanded them to be laid before the House of Commons; by which they will see, that the great Want of what was necessary beyond the Fonds given, and not getting in due time the

