

Service already done this Country, by the Impression which your Excellency has made of our Duty, Zeal and Affection, upon the Mind of our most gracious Sovereign.

And we beseech your Excellency to accept of our most ardent and sincere Wishes, that you may long continue to preside over a People truly grateful for those Advantages they receive from your Administration; the confirming the Titles and quieting the Minds of Protestant Purchasers, have given new Strength and Stability to the Protestant Interest of this Kingdom.

We cannot sufficiently acknowledge the Royal Goodness that applies, in this Season of great and necessary Expence, such a considerable Part of the Public Treasure in relieving the Wants and preventing the Distresses of the lower Class of Tradesmen and Artificers of this Metropolis, by the Establishment of a Public Repository for Coals, which, by reducing the Price of that necessary Article, will encourage and assist the Manufactures, and relieve the Wants, and prevent the Distresses of our indigent Inhabitants, those constant Objects of your Excellency's affectionate Care and extensive Charity.

Accept then our unfeigned Gratitude, and permit us to congratulate your Excellency on the intire Accomplishment of your affectionate Wish, expressed from the Throne in the Beginning of this Session, of carrying with you into the Royal Presence, the good Opinion, the Affection, the Hearts of the People of Ireland.

And that thereupon his Excellency was pleased to return the Answer following.

Gentlemen,

I Return you my sincerest Thanks for this very kind and affectionate Address. And if I have found it difficult to express my Sense of the Honours I have received, as they were conferred, detached, and separate, in the Course of this Session, you will readily imagine, that I must be still more at a Loss, when, at the Close of it, I am to acknowledge them, collectively and together. The House of Commons will do me the Justice to believe, that, if the many distinguished Marks of their Regard have not been the most deserved, they will at least be the most faithfully remembered, and the most gratefully returned. Such Testimonies from any House of Commons would have been sufficiently honourable: But coming from this, they acquire a new additional Value: And I reflect with infinite Satisfaction, that it is to that very House of Commons, which have given more ample Proofs than any of their Predecessors of their Liberality and Affection to the Crown, that I have the good Fortune to be indebted for more Indulgence than has been shown by any preceding Parliament to any preceding Administration.

Dublin Castle, April 30.

This Day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Ceremony, his Excellency sent for the Commons, and gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills.

*An Act for Licensing Hawkers and Pedlars, and for Encouragement of English Protestant Schools.*

*An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for better regulating the Collection of His Majesty's Revenue, and for preventing Frauds therein; and for repealing an Act made the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for continuing and amending several Laws heretofore made relating to His Majesty's Revenue, and for the more effectual preventing of Frauds in His Majesty's Customs and Excise, and the several Acts and Statutes which are mentioned in the said Act, and continued thereby.*

*An Act to enable Tenants for Life to make perpetual Leases of Grounds whereon to erect Publick Hospitals.*

*An Act to prevent the counterfeiting Gold and Silver Lace, and for settling and adjusting the Proportions of Fine Gold, Silver and Silk, and for the better making of Gold and Silver Thread.*

*An Act to prevent the excessive Price of Coals in the City of Dublin.*

*An Act to prevent Abuses committed by Justices of the Peace, acting under the Charters of Cities and Towns Corporate.*

*An Act for the Security of Protestant Purchasers.*

*An Act for Quieting the Possessions of Protestants deriving under Converts from the Popish Religion.*

*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in the Vending, Preparing and Administring Drugs and Medicines.*

*An Act for altering and amending an Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act for repairing the Road leading from the Bridge over the Bann-Water, commonly called the Bann-Bridge, in County of Down, to the Town of Belfast in the County of Antrim.*

*An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.*

*An Act for Reviving, Continuing and Amending several Temporary Statutes, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

*An Act for the more easy and equal assessing and apportioning all Money presented by the Grand Jury of each Assizes to be held for the City and the County of the City of Cork; and for putting the Coaches, Chaises, Chairs, and Sedan, that ply for Hire in the said City under the like Regulations for the Benefit of the Work-House of Cork as they are in Dublin; and also for the better regulating the Harbour of Cork.*

*An Act for building a Stone Bridge from the Quay opposite Prince's Street in the City of Cork, to Lavitt's Island, and a Stone Bridge from thence to the Red Abby Marsh, with a Draw Bridge or lifting Bridge of Wood in the Center of the latter, sufficient to let Vessels pass and repass; and also for supplying the said City with Water.*

And to Eight private Bills.

And then his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, which is as follows.

My Lords and Gentleman,

I Esteem it the peculiar Happiness of this Kingdom, and of Course the distinguished Honour of my Administration, that this Session of Parliament, which opened with such promising Appearances, has, both in its Progress, and in its Conclusion, far exceeded my just Expectations, and your most sanguine Professions.

That Unanimity in the Support of the Crown and in the Service of your Country, which, at the Opening of the Session, it was my Business to recommend, it is now become my Duty to applaud. And such has been the Activity of your Zeal, that scarce any other Employment, and no other Merit, has been left to me, but to recommend what you should do, and to thank you for it, when done. Nothing could be more honourable in the Practice; and nothing, I am persuaded, will be more useful in the Example, than this Intercourse of mutual Trust, of candid Dealing, and of favourable Opinion. And I indulge with infinite Satisfaction the pleasing Hope, that the happy Temper of the Asst, may communicate something of its Complexion and Tendency to every succeeding Session of this Parliament.

While His Majesty reflects with Pleasure, on the many solid and substantial Proofs of your Zeal for His Service, He is not inattentive to the unavoidable Expence, in which it has involved you. And He sees it with still greater Concern, from the Willingness and Alacrity with which you have engaged in it. And there is nothing, of which you may be more assured, than that His Majesty, from His Discernment and His Justice, will always distinguish between your Zeal and your Ability; and that He will never measure, by your Chearfulness in giving, your Capacity to give. It may reasonably be presumed, that the unparalleled Successes, which His Majesty's Virtues have, through the Blessing of Providence, derived upon His Arms, will enable us hereafter to meet in Circumstances more favourable and more agreeable to us all. We shall then, it may be hoped, unite our common Endeavours in contracting those Plans of Expence, which it has been our Duty