

carried on in a Manner suitable to your own Dignity, and to the Unanimity of your past Proceedings.

As the most inviolable Attachment to His Majesty, and Zeal for His Service, as a firm Adherence to those Principles, by which the Protestants of Ireland have ever been distinguished, were Qualifications sufficient for the Discharge of the high and arduous Trust committed to my Hands, I might ensure to myself an Administration not unacceptable to Parliament. And I still flatter myself that as the only Ends I have in Pursuit, are, The King's Service, and the Public Welfare, I may obtain the only Rewards which have in View His Majesty's favourable Acceptance of my Services, and your entire Approbation of my Administration.

Dublin Castle, October 13.
The Houses of Lords and Commons having unanimously resolved upon humble and dutiful Addresses to His Majesty, the same, together with Addresses to His Majesty, to the Lord Lieutenant, were, this Day, presented to his Excellency, and, with his Excellency's Answers, are as follow.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,
WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that your gracious Acceptance of our Duty and Zeal for your Service cannot fail to excite in us fresh Vigour for your Support; and that the same invariable Sentiments of Duty and Affection, which have influenced all our former Proceedings, shall be steadily directed to promote the Honour of your Majesty's Reign, and the Safety and Prosperity of this Kingdom; and that we will in all Events maintain, with unabated Zeal, and unshaken Fidelity, our Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family, and Government.

Amidst the general Rejoycings of your Subjects, permit us, Sir, to take this earliest Opportunity of offering our Congratulations, with Hearts animated by the warmest and most sincere Joy, upon those important Events which have occurred since our last Meeting, and gratefully to acknowledge it the Effect of your Majesty's paternal Affection for this your People, under the Divine Assistance, that we are at Length relieved from the Burdens of an expensive, though necessary and successful War.

Truly sensible of the many and great Blessings we enjoy under so excellent a Sovereign, where can we find Words to express the Pleasure we feel, on every Increase of your Majesty's Royal Family, and each new Source of your domestic Felicity; particularly on the auspicious Birth of the Prince of Wales, and of a second Prince, the Pledges and Security of our happy Constitution, who, instructed by your Royal Example, will have learned to rule a Free, but Loyal People; and will become Guardians of those Liberties, which by your Precepts they will have been taught to protect.

We cannot have a stronger Assurance of your Majesty's tender Concern for us, than in your Choice of his Excellency the Earl of Northumberland to be the Governor of this Kingdom, whose discerning Judgment has pointed out what is necessary for our Consideration and Care; and from whose Prudence, Benevolence, Integrity, and Honour, we have every Reason to promise to ourselves the full Enjoyment of those Blessings, your Majesty is graciously pleased to intend for us.

Fully persuaded that the best and most effectual Method, to recommend ourselves to your Majesty's Favour, is, and ever will be, to promote the true Interest of your People, we will not neglect any Opportunity of encouraging such Institutions as may tend to impress on the Minds of the People, early Principles of Religion, and Inclinations to Industry, those two great Sources of all National Happiness, which, with the due Execution of the Laws, will, we hope, effectually prevent for the Future, those tumultuous Risings of the lower Order of People, so destructive of that Tranquility, which our Duty and Gratitude to your Majesty, as well as our Interest, must ever call upon us to preserve.

The Advancement of the Protestant Interest, that great Security to our Liberties, and the Cultivating, to its utmost Extent, the Linnen Manufacture, a Branch of Trade so valuable, and so highly necessary to the Support of this Kingdom, deserve and shall employ, our most serious Attention. His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's kind Promise to cooperate with us in all those Measures, which tend to advance the growing Prosperity of this Kingdom, must, under your Majesty's Royal Protection and Favour, make us a flourishing and a happy People.

We further beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will shew our true and unbiassed Regard to the Public Welfare, by that Unanimity in all our Proceedings, which so manifestly conduces to the Peace and Safety of your Majesty's Government, and is so essentially necessary to the Interest of Ireland.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

I Will forthwith transmit this dutiful and loyal Address to be laid before His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses, in Parliament assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,
WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, firmly attached to your Majesty's Sacred Person, Royal Family and Government, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall be always ready to give your Majesty every convincing Proof of our Loyalty and Zeal for the Support of your Majesty's Crown and Dignity.

The Approbation with which your Majesty has been graciously pleased to honour our past Conduct, fills our Hearts with the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude, and lays us under the strongest Obligation to endeavour, by a constant Perseverance in the same Principles of Duty and Loyalty, to deserve the Continuance of your Royal Favour and Protection.

We think it our indispensable Duty to return your Majesty our most grateful and sincere Acknowledgments for your paternal Care, in being graciously pleased, upon the Re-establishment of a General Peace, immediately to relieve your loyal and faithful Subjects of this Kingdom from those heavy Burthens, which they cheerfully bore during the Continuance of the late successful War; and we humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we feel the greatest Happiness from every new Accession to your Majesty's Dominions, and Extension of the Commerce of your Subjects.

Permit us to congratulate your Majesty upon the auspicious Birth of a Prince of Wales, and the further Addition to your Majesty's Royal House, by the Birth of a second Prince; Events, which as they promise so great an Addition to your Majesty's domestic Felicity, and such a lasting Security to our happy Constitution, must give the highest Pleasure