

your hearty Zeal for the Honour and just Prerogative of His Crown.

But His Majesty's experienced Regard for the Happiness and Welfare of all His Subjects, and the peculiar Delight He takes in the Affections and Confidence of a Free People, must give you a stronger Assurance than Words can convey, that you have entitled yourselves to the certain Returns of His Royal Favour: And that while this Behaviour is preserved on your Parts, you may depend upon all possible Countenance and Protection from a King, whose Happiness is known to be so essentially connected with that of His People.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I am to return His Majesty's Thanks to you particularly for the necessary Provisions so cheerfully made by you for the Support of His Government.— You have shewn your Care for the Publick, by reducing the Interest, which tends gradually to the Reduction of the Principal of the National Debt.— And you may be assured that the Confidence you have placed in me for raising a sum of Money to supply any Deficiency in the Funds granted by you, shall not be employed, unless the Necessity shall be apparent as you have already experienced in the like Circumstances, under the Two preceding Administrations.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I have nothing to recommend to you, but that when you return to your several Countries, you will use your utmost Endeavours and Influence to inculcate and cultivate among your Constituents and Dependants, the same Loyalty and Affection for the King, the same Religious Attention to the Laws and Constitution of your Country, the same Regard for the Rights and Properties of all Parts and Members of the Community, that you have shewn to be the ruling Principles of your own Conduct during your Attendance in Parliament.— By reminding them of His Majesty's determined Resolution to maintain the happy Constitution they have so long enjoyed, you will engage them to rest secure in a well-grounded Confidence in His Royal Protection; and never to suffer mistaken Apprehensions of Grievances, or causeless Jealousies to interrupt that Tranquility and good Order, which is the Fountain of all Political Happiness, the Source and Support of all Industry, Commerce, and National Improvement, and is also the constant uniform Object of the best of Kings.

I know not how to express myself in Return for the most obliging and honourable Testimonies of your Approbation of my Conduct, contained in the Addresses from both Houses of Parliament; nor for the Behaviour of the Nation in general towards me during my Residence amongst you.

The Success of my Administration is still the more pleasing to me, as I can ascribe it to the Fidelity and Probity of His Majesty's Subjects here, in which I placed a Confidence, that, I find, has not deceived me.— This will confirm the strong Representation I shall certainly make to His Majesty, on my Return into His Royal Presence, of your loyal and affectionate Zeal for His Service.

I shall be the more sparing in my Professions to You, as I have so much Reason to hope you are already convinced that I hold myself bound by every Obligation to exert my best Endeavours to support, and promote your Welfare: And that no practicable Plan for the Service of Ireland will ever be declined or neglected by me, in whatever Situation I may be placed: But none can be more agreeable to me, than that in which I have now the Honour of being employed by His Majesty, and in which I have found such a Support from a loyal and affectionate People in the Service of a most Gracious King.

And then the Lord Chancellor declared, that it was his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Plea-

sure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-first Day of June next; and the Parliament was accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-first Day of June next.

*Dublin Castle, May 13.*

This Day, about Twelve o'Clock, his Excellency the Earl of Northumberland set out from the Castle, in the usual State, upon his Return to England, accompanied by the principal Nobility and Gentry, and followed by an extraordinary Concourse of People, who crowded the Streets and Quays to Ringend, to wish his Excellency a safe Voyage, which they did with repeated Acclamations and Expressions of their earnest Desire for his Return to this Kingdom. His Excellency went from Ringend in the King's Shallop, about Three o'Clock, and several Barges, filled with Gentlemen and principal Citizens, attended him to the Yacht, which immediately set Sail for Parkgate; and upon his Departure, his Excellency was saluted by a Discharge of the Ordnance in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix.

*Aranjuez, April 30.* His Catholick Majesty and all the Royal Family arrived here the 25th, and propose staying here about two Months.

*Florence, May 1.* Letters from Rome of the 28th past, bring Advice, That his Royal Highness the Duke of York was entertained on the 24th by Cardinal Alexander Albani, at his House out of the Salara Gate; the next Day at the House Corsini; and on Thursday the 26th, there was a publick Horse Race of Barbs; and in the Evening the Pope ordered all the Prints of Rome, curiously bound, and two fine Pictures, to be carried and presented to his Royal Highness. The Duke seemed well satisfied with the Attention shewn by all Orders of the Court and City, to render his Stay there agreeable.

*Vienna, May 5.* Count Chaulseu, who is sent from France to compliment this Court upon the Election of the King of the Romans, arrived here on Thursday last.

*Florence, May 5.* The Duke of York left this Place this Morning at Four o'Clock, with an Intention, to reach Bologna this Evening. His Royal Highness has expressed the greatest Satisfaction of the Attentions that have been shewn to him both by this Government and at Rome. The Duke proposed to stay two Days at Bologna, and then go to Parma and Reggio, where both the Duke of Parma and the Duke of Modena have made Dispositions to receive him.

*Bonn, May 14.* Yesterday being the Anniversary of his Electoral Highness's Birth-day, who entered into the 58th Year of his Age, the same was celebrated with great Pomp. Besides his own Court, several Strangers of the First Rank came from Mentz and Coblenz to pay their Court to his Highness. On that Occasion a most elegant Dinner was given to 120 People, at three different Tables: After which there was a Drawing-Room at Court, at Seven o'Clock in Opera; and the Whole was terminated by a Supper, and a Masked Ball, which lasted till Six in the Morning.

*St. James's, May 19.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Robert Lord Henley, Baron of Grange in the County of Southampton, Chancellor of Great Britain, and his Heirs Male, the Dignity of an Earl of Great Britain, by the Name, Style, and Title of Earl of Northington in the said County.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint William Young, Alexander Graeme, John Hunt, Robert Stewart, and Robert Wynne, Esquires, Commissioners for the Sale of Lands in the Islands of Grenada, the Grenadines, Dominico, St. Vincents and Tobago.