

warmest Assurances, which Duty can dictate, or Gratitude inspire, of our most inviolable Zeal and Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government.

Attached as we are, by every Principle of Affection and Interest, what Pleasure must we feel, and how sincerely do we congratulate our most amiable Sovereign, on the auspicious Birth of another Prince; which promises so great an Addition to his domestic Happiness, and a further Stability to his most illustrious House, and our invaluable Constitution.

We should think ourselves unworthy of that tender Care and Concern, so invariably shewn by your Majesty, for the Welfare of this Kingdom, could we be insensible of this recent Instance of your paternal Goodness, in the Appointment of a chief Governor to preside over us, whose distinguished Abilities, animated by a peculiar and well-founded Affection for this Country, will not only enable him to discover, but engage him to employ the most effectual Means for promoting the true Interest and Happiness of this Kingdom.

In this desirable Work, your Majesty may rely on the unanimous Concurrence and cheerful Assistance of your faithful Commons; nor shall we fail to make an honourable Provision for the Support of your Majesty's Government, convinced that our Supplies will be properly applied to the public Services, which we are pleased to find have hitherto been answered, without making Use of the confidential Credit, which your Majesty, with your usual Justice, considered only as a wise Precaution against Cases of Necessity.

We shall continue to give our utmost Attention to the Increase and Improvement of the Linen Manufacture, which we consider, in its several Branches, as a principal Object of our Commerce; and shall endeavour, by prudent Laws, to guard against private Frauds, so destructive of the Credit of this our Staple Commodity. And as we have always considered the Charter-Schools as Institutions calculated to implant in the Minds of the lower Order of People, the Principles of true Religion and Industry, they shall undoubtedly receive the strongest Proofs of our Protection and Encouragement.

Your Majesty's favourable Acceptance and gracious Approbation of our past Conduct, will, if possible, strengthen and improve our fixed and constant Resolution of persevering in those Principles of Duty and Loyalty, which, as they have procured, will undoubtedly preserve to us your Royal Favour and Protection.

E. Sterling, } Cler. Dom. Com.
H. Alcock, }

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

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I Will take the first Opportunity of transmitting this dutiful and loyal Address to be laid before His Majesty.

To his Excellency Francis Seymour Earl of Hertford, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Excellency,

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, return your Excellency our most sincere Thanks for your Speech to both Houses of Parliament.

We esteem ourselves under the highest Obligations to your Excellency, for the singular Satisfaction you have expressed in this Opportunity of concurring with us in promoting His Majesty's most gracious Intentions for the Prosperity of this Kingdom.

Your Excellency's great Abilities, which have received the strongest Approbation from the important Trusts reposed in you by our wise Sovereign, and the long Experience we have had of your Knowledge in what relates to the real Interests of this Kingdom, with your powerful and ready Assistance in Support of them, give us an enlarged Prospect of enjoying the utmost Benefit which can result from a well-informed benevolent Administration.

These just Expectations call upon us again to express, with the sincerest Duty and Gratitude, our strong Sense of His Majesty's Wisdom and peculiar Attention to the Happiness of His most loyal and affectionate Subjects of Ireland, in having committed the Government of them to your Care.

We are most thankful to your Excellency for your joyful Information of the Increase of domestic Happiness to our most amiable Sovereign, and the added Stability to His illustrious House, by the Birth of another Prince descended from Him, with which the Welfare of these Kingdoms are necessarily connected.

Your Excellency's wise and seasonable Advice to improve this Time of general Peace, by deliberating on the Means to render the natural Advantages of this Country most beneficial to the Inhabitants, and to increase National Wealth by the Employment of the People, cannot fail to animate our Endeavours for procuring those desirable Ends.

We think ourselves most happy in His Majesty's Approbation and Acceptance of our past Conduct, which has certainly been founded on our Zeal for His Service, and the Welfare of this Kingdom; in these Sentiments we shall persevere; and with the firmest Reliance on your Excellency's kind Intentions towards us, we shall with Unanimity exert the utmost of our Power to support the Honor of His Majesty's Government, and the Ease of your Excellency's Administration, which we are confident will be formed on the Principles of public Utility to this Kingdom.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentar.