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Dublin Castle, October 17.

THIS Day the Parliament having met according to the last Prorogation, 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 directed them to chuse a Speaker; and they having unanimously elected the Right Hon. John Ponsonby, Esq; into that Office, he was by them presented, and was approved by his Excellency: And then his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with particular Satisfaction that in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, I meet the first Parliament, limited in Duration, that ever assembled in this Kingdom.

I am confident that you are come together with the justest Sentiments of Duty and Affection to our most excellent Sovereign, who has gratified the earnest Wishes of His faithful Subjects of Ireland with that great Improvement of their Constitution.

I flatter myself that the Protestant Interest has already found the happy Effects of it; and that the many gracious Marks which you have experienced of His Majesty's paternal Regard, will animate your Deliberations, and direct them to all such Measures, as may secure to you the Blessings you enjoy.

Since the last Session of Parliament, the Royal Family has been encreased by the Birth of another Prince; Interacted as you are in the Happiness of His Majesty, and of His illustrious House, you will receive, with the sincerest Pleasure, a Communication of so joyful an Event.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Accounts and Estimates to be laid before you, and doubt not you will make every necessary Provision for the Honor of His Majesty's Government, and the Safety and Welfare of this Kingdom.

I am extremely happy to inform you that the Exigencies of Government have required only a very moderate Use to be made of that confidential Credit which was granted by the last Parliament, and I trust you will always find, on my Part, the same Attention to Public Economy.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

As the wisest Nations have ever deemed Times of Peace the best Season for improving their Civil Policy, and providing for their Security, I recommend it to you not to neglect the present favorable Opportunity.

The Strength and Riches of a Country are in Proportion to the Number of its industrious Inhabitants; and as a Religious and Virtuous Education is the surest Guide to Industry and good Morals, you will not be unmindful of that useful and charitable Institution, the Protestant Charter-Schools; you will consider the Original Design, and great End of them: You will observe whether their Course corresponds with their first Plan, and you will correct any Defects which Experience may point out to you.

The Linen Manufacture is an Object that will always engage your utmost Attention; I see with the truest Pleasure that Source of Opulence daily extending itself over this Kingdom: Be it your Care to preserve it in full Credit, and that neither Fraud or Negligence, which have so often proved

fatal to the most flourishing Branches of Commerce and Manufacture, be suffered to defeat this National Acquisition.

I must recommend to your most serious Consideration, what further Laws may be necessary to prevent the pernicious Practice of the clandestine Running of Goods.—The great Lengths to which it has been carried of late, and the Obstruction which the Revenue Officers frequently meet with in the Execution of their Duty, require some effectual Remedy.—The Suppression of these Abuses will have a double Effect, as, at the same Time that it increases the publick Stock and national Strength, it will afford a just and equitable Assistance to the honest Citizen and fair Trader.

In these and in all your Consultations, I am persuaded you will proceed with that Unanimity and Wisdom, which Matters of such high Importance require.—You cannot fail by such Conduct to meet with His Majesty's most favorable Countenance and Approbation; and you may in every Thing rely on my best Assistance, not only from the Duty I owe to the King, but from the sincere Affection which I bear to this Kingdom.

Dublin Castle, October 19.

The Houses of Lords and Commons having unanimously resolved upon humble Addresses to His Majesty, the same, together with Addresses from both Houses 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 dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to approach your Throne, with our grateful Acknowledgment, of the many inestimable Blessings which we have enjoyed during your Majesty's most auspicious Reign.

Permit us to assure your Majesty, that we are come together with the justest Sentiments of Duty and Affection to your Majesty, who has gratified the earnest Wishes of your faithful Subjects of Ireland with that great Improvement of our Constitution, the Act for limiting the Duration of Parliaments.

We trust the Protestant Interest has already experienced its salutary Effects, and we are happy in the Consideration, that his Excellency, our present chief Governor, that faithful Servant of the Crown, and affectionate Friend to this Country, who has the Satisfaction of Meeting, in Obedience to your Majesty's Commands, the first Parliament, limited in its Duration, that ever assembled in this Kingdom, hath, through your Majesty's Goodness to your People here, been continued amongst us, not only to be a joyful Witness of those happy Effects, but to afford us the welcome Opportunity of conveying, through him, to your Majesty, our Thanks for that invaluable Benefit, which, by your Majesty's Grace and Favour, he was made the happy Instrument of conferring upon us.

We should be unworthy of the many gracious Marks which we have experienced of your Majesty's paternal Regard, if it did not animate our Deliberations,