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THE House of Lords having resolved upon an humble Address to His Majesty, the same, together with their Address to the Lord Lieutenant, were this Day presented to his Excellency; and, with his Excellency's Answer, 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 Lord Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave humbly to express our most grateful Thanks to your Majesty, for the many Proofs which we have received of your Majesty's Affection for your faithful Subjects of this Kingdom, and for this in particular, which your Majesty is now graciously pleased to afford us, in your Readiness to concur with your Parliament in such Measures as may be conducive to their Prosperity.

We further beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will endeavour to fulfil your Majesty's gracious Purpose, in calling us together at this Time, by taking into our serious Consideration such Matters as shall be found to be necessary for the general Good of this Country, and more particularly those which have been recommended to us this Day from the Throne.

We cannot omit expressing our Thankfulness for, and Satisfaction in, the Continuance and Extension, by the British Parliament, of the Bounties on the Exportation of Irish Linens.

We most sincerely congratulate your Majesty on the happy Increase of your Royal Family, by the Birth of another Princess, since the last Session of Parliament; and we have the sincerest Joy in an Event which contributes to the Security we have in your Majesty's Royal House, of every Thing that is dear and valuable to us.

We have the truest Sense of the many Instances which your Majesty hath been pleased to afford us, of your paternal Care, and particularly your continuing the Lord Viscount Townshend in the Government of this Kingdom; of which, as his Experience enables him to form the truest Judgment, to his Candour and Integrity will, we doubt not, move him to make the justest Representation.

We beg Leave to express our sincere Desire on this, and every other Occasion, to conduct ourselves, in whatever may come before us, with Temper and Unanimity, and with all that dutiful Respect which may best express a grateful and becoming Sense of your Majesty's Goodness to us, and our faithful Attachments to your Majesty's sacred Person, your Family and Government.

Wm. Watts Gayer, } Cler. Parliamentor.
Edw. Gayer.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

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

To his Excellency George Lord Viscount Townshend, 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 His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Sub-

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

We are happy in the Opportunity which His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to afford us, of meeting your Excellency again in Parliament; and we cannot but consider ourselves as under an Obligation to your Excellency, for the Satisfaction which you are pleased to express on that Occasion, and for your most obliging Readiness to co-operate with us for the Publick Welfare. We shall not fail of taking into our Consideration the important Particulars recommended to us by your Excellency.

We acknowledge with Thankfulness the Continuance and Extension, by the British Parliament, of the Bounties on the Exportation of Irish Linens, and consider ourselves as indebted to your Excellency for your kind Attention to that great Branch of Trade and Manufactures.

We rejoice with your Excellency on the Increase of His Majesty's Royal Family, by the Birth of another Princess; as every such Event affords us an additional security in Support of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties.

Your Excellency's Experience and Knowledge in the Affairs of this Kingdom, call upon us to unite our Endeavours with your's to promote the Good of the Publick; and we trust we shall, with a becoming Temper and Unanimity, co-operate with your Excellency to bring this Session to a speedy and happy Conclusion.

Wm. Watts Gayer, } Cler. Parliamentor.
Edw. Gayer.

His Excellency's Answer.

My Lords,

I Return you my sincere Thanks for this your very kind and obliging Address. The favorable Opinion which you are pleased to express of me affords me the greatest Pleasure. It has been, and will be, my Endeavour to deserve it. You may rely upon my faithful Representation to His Majesty in every Thing which concerns you and this Country; and I flatter myself that, through the Harmony which subsists between us, our joint Endeavours will be effectual to promote the Publick Welfare, which I have much at Heart.

Whitehall, March 15.

Complaint having been made to His Majesty, supported by Depositions upon Oath, of the supposed ill-Treatment of a Dutch Ship stranded near Deal on the 12th of January last; His Majesty was pleased to order an Advertisement in this Paper of Saturday the 23d of February last past, offering a Reward for the Discovery of the Persons accused of such atrocious Crimes; and farther, to direct the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports to make all possible Enquiry into the Fact: His Lordship has accordingly transmitted to His Majesty's Secretary of State the voluntary Depositions of several Persons that were upon the Shore at the Time, and previous to the said Ship's being stranded; by which it appears, That one Thomas Mercer, a Boatman at Deal, of known Courage and Ability, offered, for the Sum of Six Guineas, to carry the said Captain on board his Ship, and to assist him in cutting away her Masts; which, in the joint Opinion of all the Sea-faring People present, was the only possible Means by which the Ship could have been preserved; but his Assistance was refused.

That Thomas Sayer, Gentleman, Serjeant of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, and several of his Deputies, attended, and offered (they being the proper Officers for that Purpose) his and their Assistance to the said Captain, which he particularly