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Dublin Castle, October 8.

THIS Day the Parliament having met, according to the Prorogation, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers; and being seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent with a Message from his Excellency to the House of Commons, signifying his Pleasure that they should immediately attend his Excellency in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

MY Experience of your Attachment to His Majesty's Person, and of your Zeal for the Public Service, affords me the best grounded Hopes that nothing will be wanting on your Part to co-operate with His Majesty's gracious Intentions to promote the Welfare and Happiness of this Kingdom; and when to this Consideration I add my Remembrance of your kind Regard to the Ease and Honour of my Administration, I feel the most sensible Pleasure in the present Opportunity which His Majesty has given me of meeting you a Fourth Time in Parliament.

The present Prospect of Public Affairs seems to afford you the fullest Opportunity for Deliberation on such Subjects as immediately relate to your own domestic Happiness; I must therefore recommend to your Consideration whatever tends to promote and strengthen the interior Police of this Kingdom, and such Laws as may be salutary and for the Benefit of the lower Orders of the Community, for these have ever been found the most effectual Means of binding their Affections to their Country, and securing their Allegiance to one common Parent.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

As in Assembling you together in the last Session it was not His Majesty's Purpose to ask Supplies, but solely to comply with the Wishes of His People, it was not thought proper to call upon you, at that Time, for any further Aid: But as in the ordinary Course it now becomes necessary to provide for the Expences of the ensuing two Years, your last Grants being nearly expired, I have no Doubt of your turning your Thoughts to that important Subject, and of your granting such Supplies as shall be found necessary for the honorable and firm Support of His Majesty's Government, for the Security of this Kingdom, and for the Maintenance of the Public Credit.

I have ordered the proper Estimates and Accounts to be laid before you, from which you will find, not only that the Revenue has fallen considerably short of former Years, but that the Deductions made therefrom for Payment of different Grants for Premiums, Bounties, and Public Works, have

been so very great, that it has not been nearly sufficient to defray the Charges of His Majesty's Establishments, and other necessary Expences of Government, and that a large Arrear has been incurred on that Account. If such Grants are judged proper to be continued, either for these or other Public Uses, you will observe, that it is impossible that the Revenue, as it now stands, can answer those Services, and also the Support of Government: I therefore think it incumbent upon me to recommend this Subject to your most serious Consideration.

It is with Concern that I must ask a Sum of Money to discharge the Arrears already incurred on His Majesty's Establishments; but you will find that they have been unavoidable, for that the strictest Economy has been used, not only in the Charges of the late Augmentation, upon which a very large Saving has been made, but in the Reduction of the Staff, which is now diminished to the Number directed by His Majesty.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Birth of another Prince is such an Addition to His Majesty's Happiness and our Security, that it must afford us the truest Satisfaction.

It is my indispensable Duty to recommend particularly whatever interests the Protestant Religion: There can be no Provision in its Favour, which shall tend to carry into Execution the good Effects of that important Law for limiting the Duration of Parliaments, and are, at the same Time, consistent with the Principles of Humanity, and the natural Rights of Mankind, which shall not have my hearty Concurrence.

The illegal Associations and audacious Outrages committed in different Parts of this Kingdom, particularly in the North, deserve your most serious Attention: They are as destructive to Commerce; as disgraceful to Liberty.

The Wisdom of former Parliaments, and the Affection of my Predecessors in this high Station for your Interests, have uniformly co-operated in Support of your Charter-Schools and your Linen Manufacture: I am persuaded our Zeal for these National Objects will equal theirs.

His Majesty has the firmest Reliance on your Loyalty and Duty; and is persuaded that your Proceedings will be no less consistent with your own Dignity than with the true Interests of your Country. For my Part, I have resided so long amongst you, that I trust it will be needless for me to make any new Declarations to you of my Attachment and Affection.

Dublin Castle, October 10.

The Houses of Lords and Commons having resolved upon humble Addresses to His Majesty, the same, together with Addresses from both Houses to the Lord Lieutenant, were, this Day, presented.