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Dublin Castle, October 12, 1773.

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,

IT is with the highest Satisfaction that I obey His Majesty's Commands to meet you in Parliament, and to concur with you in every Measure that may promote the real Interest of this Kingdom.

His Majesty, who has made the Happiness of all His People the constant Object of His Wishes, and the unvaried Rule of His Actions, has given it to me in particular Charge to assure His faithful Subjects of Ireland of the Continuance of His paternal Regard and Affection for them, and I am persuaded that in all your Proceedings you will continue to manifest that uniform Attention to the Publick Good, of which His Majesty's own Conduct affords the best and most illustrious Example.

As every Addition to His Majesty's Royal Family adds Strength to that happy Succession, which is the great Security of all that is valuable to us, I have a particular Pleasure in communicating to you the Birth of another Prince since your last Session of Parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Officers to lay before you the Public Accounts and Estimates, from which you will be fully acquainted with the Circumstances of this Country, and may be enabled to form a true Judgment of the Provisions necessary to be made for the honourable Support of His Majesty's Government. I have His Majesty's Commands to ask the Supplies necessary for this Purpose, and I am confident you will grant them in such a Manner as will be least burthensome to His Majesty's Subjects of this Kingdom: on my Part, you may rest secure, that they shall be faithfully applied, and frugally administered.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Laws of your Country will naturally present themselves as the first and most important Objects of your Consideration. It is my Duty to call your particular Attention to such as respect the Religion and Morals, the Security and good Order, of the People. It is in vain that Laws are made for the Punishment of Offenders, unless their Morals can be reformed, and their Minds impressed with Principles of Virtue.

Your Protestant Charter-Schools, the Seminaries of true Religion and Industry, deserve your particular Consideration; and your Linen Manufacture, the great Source of Wealth to the Nation, is an Object of the highest Importance. You will consider whether any new Laws may be wanted to improve, regulate, and extend, this most beneficial Trade; or to support its Reputation at Foreign Markets.

I am firmly persuaded that we are met together animated with the same Intentions of maintaining, the Honor and Dignity of His Majesty's Government; and of promoting the Good of this Kingdom. Your Conduct has convinced me that I shall receive from you the fullest Proofs of your Loyalty and Attachment to the King, and of your Zeal in the Publick Service: Mine, I trust, will shew that I have nothing more sincerely at Heart than the Welfare and Prosperity of Ireland.

Dublin Castle, October 12.

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 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 most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to assure Your Majesty that we have the most lively Sense of the many Blessings we enjoy, under the mild, just, and auspicious Government of Your Majesty, who have made the Happiness of Your People the constant Object of Your Wishes; the unvaried Rule of Your Actions. — Permit us, with the greatest Gratitude, to express our most unfeigned Acknowledgements for the Continuance of Your Majesty's paternal Regard and Affection for Your faithful Subjects of this Kingdom, and Your Majesty may rest assured that in all our Proceedings we will continue to manifest that uniform Attention to the publick Good, of which Your Majesty's Conduct affords the best and most illustrious Example.

Truly sensible of the many and great Blessings we enjoy under so excellent a Sovereign, considering every Addition to Your Majesty's Royal Family as strengthening that happy Succession which is the great Security of all that is valuable to us, and feeling the most sincere Pleasure from each new Source of your domestic Felicity, we humbly offer our warmest Congratulations, upon the Birth of another Prince.