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St. James's, January 25.

**T**HE following Address of the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy, of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, was this Day presented to His Majesty by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

*Most gracious Sovereign*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Archbishop Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, most gladly embrace the Opportunity now afforded us of renewing, in this our collective Capacity, our warmest and sincerest Professions of Allegiance Fidelity and Affection to your Majesty's Sacred Person and Government.

We humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty that we are penetrated with the deepest Sense of the Happiness we enjoy under your mild and auspicious Reign, The Proofs your Majesty has given of your truly parental Care and Tendernefs for your Subjects are too many to be enumerated. But as Ministers of the Gospel of Peace, we hold ourselves more especially bound to express our sincerest Thanks to your Majesty, for your unwearied and successful Endeavours, during a long Course of Years to prevent the needless Effusion of Christian Blood; and (in perfect Consistency with the Dignity of your Crown, and the true Interests of your Kingdom) to establish Peace and Tranquillity in every Part of Europe: a Conduct no less consonant to the Maxims of sound Policy, than to the Dictates of Humanity, and the benevolent Temper of our most Holy Religion.

Those gracious Declarations your Majesty has so frequently made and so religiously observed, that you will support the Church of England as it is now by Law established, demand from us our most grateful Acknowledgements; and leave us no Room to doubt the Continuance of the same Royal Favour and Protection, which we have hitherto experienced. Permit us, Sir, on this Occasion, in all Humility to say, that the Ecclesiastical Part of our Constitution is no less excellent than the Civil; and that they are so closely and intimately blended with each other, that, as Experience has shewn, they must stand or fall together.

It might naturally be expected that a People thus favoured by Providence would demonstrate their Gratitude by their distinguished Goodness. But Truth obliges us to own to your Majesty, that the Sanctity and Purity of their Manners do by no Means correspond to the Advantages they possess. With infinite Concern we observe that a strange Licentiousness both of Sentiment and Conduct, a Spirit of frivolous Dissipation and ruinous Profusion, of Disrespect to Superiors, and Contempt of lawful Authority, have made an alarming Progress in this Nation, and present a very gloomy Prospect to every serious and considerate Mind.

We are fully sensible that much depends on the Labours of the Clergy in opposing to these Evils the powerful Operation of religious Principles: And we do faithfully promise your Majesty that we will exert our utmost Efforts for this Purpose; by redoubling our Diligence in the Discharge of our sacred Functions, by keeping the strictest Guard on our own Lives and Conversations, by carefully teaching the true genuine Doctrines of the Gospel, and impressing forcibly on the Minds of our Hearers the great practical Duties of Christianity, which

are no less beneficial to Society than necessary to Salvation.

To these our earnest Endeavours in the Cause of Morality and Religion, we shall constantly add our most fervent Prayers to Almighty God; that He would be pleased to crown with Success all your Majesty's Designs and Undertakings for the Welfare of your extensive Dominions: that as He has blessed Your Majesty with a numerous Progeny, He may vouchsafe You the still greater Comfort of seeing them copy the bright Example of their Royal Parents; and that in this, and every other Instance, He may render your Majesty's Life as happy to Yourself, as it is dear and important to your People.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.

*I Thank you for this very dutiful and affectionate Address.*

*It is with the deepest Concern I am informed that Vice and Contempt of lawful Authority continue so universally to prevail. Your strenuous Endeavours to discourage this pernicious Tendency to Irreligion are highly acceptable to Me, and will always meet with My Support and Protection. I have nothing more at Heart than to maintain the Church of England as by Law established, as well as the Religious and Civil Rights of all My People.*

*Florence, January 10.* On the 4th at Night the Elector Palatine arrived here; the Great Duke had sent a Gentleman of his Bedchamber to meet his Highness on the Confines, with Offers to lodge him, but the Elector declined accepting any Public Honours; the next Morning the Great Duke made his Highness the first Visit, which the Elector immediately returned, and afterwards dined at Court; the next Day the Elector was entertained by Prince Corsini, the Great Dutchess's Grand Maitre, to which the Foreign Ministers and a numerous Company were invited. On Saturday Evening the Nobility gave his Electoral Highness a Ball in Mask at their *Casino*, at which the Great Duke was present. The following Evening the Great Duke entertained his Highness with a Ball in Mask at the Great Theatre; and Yesterday Morning the Elector set out for Venice.

*Dublin, January 19.*

Yesterday being the Day appointed for celebrating Her Majesty's Birth-day, the Flag was displayed on Bedford Tower, the Great Guns at the Salute-Battery in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix were fired three Rounds, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks. At Noon there was a very numerous Assembly of the Nobility and other Persons of Distinction, of both Sexes, at the Castle, who appeared in great Splendor to compliment his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, before whom an Ode, set to Musick, was performed. In the Evening a Play was given by his Excellency to the Ladies. And at Night there were Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy throughout the City; and at the Castle the Ball and the several Entertainments were extremely grand, and conducted with the greatest Regularity; and the Decorations of the Ball and Supper Room particularly elegant.

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