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Dublin Castle, September 2.

THIS Day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers with the usual Solemnity; and, the Commons being sent for, gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills:

An Act for regulating the Sugar Trade, and granting to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Duties therein mentioned.

An Act for the Relief of Tenants holding under Leases for Lives, containing Covenants for perpetual Renewals.

An Act for granting Bounties on the Export of certain Species of the Linen and Hempen Manufactures of this Kingdom therein enumerated, and for repealing the Bounties on Flax Seed imported, and for encouraging the Growth thereof in this Kingdom.

An Act for the Relief of Persons in actual Custody for Debt.

An Act for explaining an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, entitled, An Act for explaining and amending an Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery, so far only as the same makes a Provision for the Maintenance of Popish Priests converted to the Protestant Religion.

An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Tillage, and rendering the Carriage of Corn to the City of Dublin less expensive.

An Act for vesting a competent Part of the Real and Personal Estates of the late Right Honourable Sir Henry Cavendish, Baronet, deceased, in Trustees, for discharging a Debt due by the said Sir Henry Cavendish to His Majesty; and for the Purposes therein mentioned.

After which his Excellency made the following Most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I AM happy at length to congratulate you on the Conclusion of this Session of Parliament, though the important Measures under Deliberation must have made your Attendance less irksome to you.

If your long Absence from your several Counties has been productive of any Inconvenience, such Inconvenience is fully compensated by permanent and solid Benefits, the successful Consequences of your Labors.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you in His Majesty's Name for the liberal Supplies you have granted. Your Cheerfulness in giving, and your Attention to the Ease of the Subject in the Mode of raising them, must be very ac-

ceptable to His Majesty: On my Part, I assure you they shall be faithfully applied.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Satisfaction with which the Heart of every Irishman must exult at the Scene of Prosperity now opening to his Country, may equal, it cannot exceed, the Glow of my private Feelings. And whilst you applaud the Conduct of Great-Britain in removing the Restrictions upon the Trade of this Kingdom, you cannot but particularly acknowledge the unequivocal Demonstrations of Her sincere Affection, in admitting You, upon the most liberal Plan, to an immediate, free, and equal Intercourse with Her Colonies.

The wise and salutary Laws which you have framed naturally lead to the most beneficial Enjoyment of that Intercourse; and when I reflect on those great Objects, and on your meritorious Attention to the Trade, Agriculture, and Manufactures of this Kingdom, so conspicuously manifested by the Laws passed for granting ample Bounties on the Export of your Corn, your Linen, and your Sail-Cloth; by the Premiums for encouraging the Growth of Hemp and Flax Seed, and by the judicious Provisions for the better Regulation of your Manufacturers, I feel a conscious Satisfaction, that the Commerce of this Kingdom has been established upon an extended, firm and lasting Basis; and that Ireland must, in the Course of Her future Prosperity, look back to this Era; the Labors of the present Parliament, and the diffusive Indulgence of His Majesty, with the most grateful Veneration.

Your own discreet Judgment will naturally suggest the Expediency, when you return to your several Counties, of impressing upon the Minds of all Ranks of Men, the various Blessings of their present Situation. Demonstrate to them, that every effectual Source of Commercial Wealth is now their own, and invites that Industry, without which the wisest Commercial Regulations remain a dead Letter, and the Bounties of Nature are lavished in vain. Cherish such a Spirit of Industry; and convince them of the essential Advantages they derive from their free and excellent Constitution; the Maintenance of every Branch of which, in its just Vigour and Authority, can alone secure their Liberties; and preserve their Happiness.

After which the Lord Chancellor, by his Excellency's Command, said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the 10th Day of October next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 10th Day of October next.

Dublin-Castle, August 31.
To his Excellency John Earl of Buckingham-
shire, 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 Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to congratu-
late your Excellency upon the approaching Con-
clusion of the present Session of Parliament, which,
as it will be for ever memorable in the Annals of
this Country, for the great national and commerci-
al Advantages which we have lately acquired, will
transmit to Posterity the Remembrance of your Ex-
cellency's Administration, as the happiest and most
fortunate *Æra* that this Nation hath ever known.

We cannot reflect upon the distressed Situation we
were lately in, respecting our Trade and Manufac-
tures, and the happy Change that has happened
since your Excellency became our Chief Governor,
and particularly since the Commencement of this
Session of Parliament, without the deepest Impres-
sions of His Majesty's Goodness, and the warm-
est Sentiments of Respect and Gratitude to-
wards your Excellency, who by your just Re-
presentations, kindest and best Endeavours, and
the most earnest Solicitations, have been greatly
instrumental in removing our Difficulties, and
promoting the Accomplishment of our most san-
guine Wishes and Expectations, whereby your Ex-
cellency hath for ever endeared yourself to Ire-
land.

We beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that
we have a just Sense of our Obligations to you,
and beseech your Excellency, that you will be
pleased to accept our most grateful Thanks.

Under these Impressions of your Excellency's
Merit, and of our Obligation, and knowing by
Experience how able and ready you are to fur-
ther and promote our Happiness, we cannot but
hope for the Continuance of your Excellency's
Administration; and with Hearts full of Grati-
tude, we wish that it may hereafter be as easy
and honorable to you, as it hath hitherto been
fortunate and beneficial to this Kingdom.

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

His Excellency's Answer,

My Lords,

THE expressing those Sentiments, with which your
indulgent Goodness afflicts me, is a pleasing but yet
embarrassing Duty.

In the conducting the arduous Business of this King-
dom, my Zeal for your Well-being, and my unwearied
Attention to your Interests, have in some Sort supplied
a Want of such superior Abilities, as in Times similar
to the present, were more particularly called for.

Let me flatter myself that you will rest persuaded my
affectionate Solicitude for the Well-being of Ireland
will ever remain unimpaired, and that my best Exer-
tions will never be withheld in any Instance, where
they may in the least contribute to her Prosperity.

To his Excellency John Earl of Buckingham-
shire, Lord Lieutenant General and General
Governor of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Knights, Citi-

zens and Burgesses in Parliament as-
sembled.

May it please your Excellency,

AT the Close of a Session of Parliament the
most beneficial to the Subject, and the most
honorable to the Personage at the Head of Admini-
stration that this Country has ever seen, permit us
to approach your Excellency with unfeigned Ex-
pressions of Satisfaction and Acknowledgment.

When the languid and restrained Situation of our
Trade had almost annihilated our Manufactures;
had induced Bankruptcy on our Merchants, and had
deeply affected the whole landed Property of the
Nation; at that interesting Crisis it was our good
Fortune to have a Chief Governor, whose Repre-
sentations essentially promoted the Re-establishment
of our natural Means of Wealth, and the Acqui-
sition of new Sources of Commerce: At such a
Period too it was your Excellency's good Fortune to
have the Opportunity as well as the Inclination of
being materially instrumental in effectuating this
happy Change. We are convinced that these Measures
will not only be beneficial in the highest Degree to
this Kingdom, but that they will communicate their
Influence to the whole British Empire. Your Ex-
cellency will therefore have the Satisfaction of re-
flecting, that at the same Time that your Councils
have conducted to the Confirmation of the Felicity
of Ireland, they have also bound this Country and
Great Britain indissolubly in the mutual Ties of
Interest and Affection.

Amongst the many Advantages we have derived
under your Excellency's Government, it would be
unpardonable in the Commons of Ireland to omit
testifying their high Approbation of your Excel-
lency's Conduct in the Management of the Public
Treasure. Integrity and Frugality in the Applica-
tion of the Revenues have been distinguishing Marks
of your Excellency's Administration; Virtues al-
ways laudable in the Representative of Majesty,
but particularly necessary in Times of Public Dis-
tress.

Fully possessed with these Sentiments, it must be
our ardent Desire that His Majesty may long con-
tinue your Excellency in that high Office which you
have so faithfully and so honorably discharged. But
when the Period shall come that His Majesty shall
choose to remove you nearer to His Royal Person, our
Regret will in some Measure be alleviated by the Sa-
tisfaction your Excellency must feel in having ar-
rived at the highest Point of National Desert. Your
Administration will be an *Æra* in the Annals of our
History; and whenever Posterity shall relate the Be-
nefits obtained for this Country during your Ex-
cellency's Government, your Name will be record-
ed with Gratitude and Applause.

Tho. Ellis, D. Cler. Dom. Contr.

His Excellency's Answer.

Gentlemen,

THE wanting Terms with sufficient Energy to express
the most cordial Satisfaction with which I am af-
fected by these very flattering Assurances of your Appro-
bation shades in some Degree the Pleasure of this Mo-
ment. Do me the Justice however to believe that my
Gratitude is at least equal to your Partiality; and that
at all Times, and in every Situation, my best Services
will ever be dedicated to the essential Interests of Ire-
land.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, September 12, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be no Drawing-Room at St. James's on Thursday next the 14th Instant.

St. James's, September 12.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Thomas Morgan, Gent. Thomas Morgan, the Younger, Gent. his Son, and Thomas Kynnersley, Esq; the Office or Offices of Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown in the Counties of Denbigh and Montgomery.

Admiralty-Office, September 11, 1780.

Extract of a Letter from Admiral Sir George Brydges Rodney to Mr. Stephens, dated Sandwich, Basse-Terre Road, St. Christopher's, July 31, 1780.

SINCE my last, dated St. Lucia the 1st of July, sent by Rear-Admiral Parker, giving their Lordships an Account of the then Situation of Affairs in this Part of the World, and the very great Force of the Combined Fleets, which consisted of Thirty-six Sail of the Line, I have the Honour to acquaint their Lordships, that, notwithstanding their great Superiority in Numbers, they did not venture either to attack any of His Majesty's Islands, or to reconnoitre His Majesty's Fleet, then at an Anchor in Gros Islet Bay, notwithstanding I had a small Squadron continually cruising before the Mouth of Fort Royal Bay, in order to give me Notice of all their Motions. They did not even attempt to drive them from the Station, but remained totally inactive in the Great Bay of Fort Royal till the 5th of July, when the whole Combined Fleet, in the Night, put to Sea, without making Signals, or showing Lights.

I ordered Frigates to follow them, and daily report to me their Situation, and the Motions they made; holding the Fleet under my Command in momentary Readiness to follow and disconcert any Intentions they might have formed against the Leeward Islands.

The Combined Fleets went to Gaudaloupe, where they remained some few Days, and on the 9th instant were left by One of my Cruizers (the Alert) off Santa Cruz, steering West. Captain Vashon, who commands her, acquainted me, that he counted Twenty-six Sail of the Line at least; that they were divided into Four Squadrons, at a very considerable Distance from each other.

I immediately dispatched the Alert to Jamaica to give Sir Peter Parker Notice of the Enemy's Sailing, having before sent the Tobago and Scarborough with Intelligence to that Island.

Mr. Walsingham and the Troops from England having joined me on the 12th, every Dispatch possible was made for the Fleet and Transports to put to Sea the Moment they were watered, which took up some Time; and was in some Measure delayed by the Princess Royal's Main-Mast being found unserviceable, and obliged to have a new one.

On the 17th I put to Sea with the Fleet, leaving Commodore Hotham with the Vengeance, Fame, Boyne, Ajax, Vigilant, and Preston, with Frigates, for the Protection of St. Lucia, and the Windward Islands of Barbadoes and Tobago.

With the Remainder I proceeded with the whole Convoy to St. Christopher's; where I had ordered from Antigua a Vessel loaded with Rum to meet me, for the Use of the Fleet; there not being a sufficient Quantity at St. Lucia, to supply them.

I shall hold myself in momentary Readiness to assist any of His Majesty's Colonies on which the Enemy may attempt to make an Impression; or act with them in such a Manner as shall appear to me most beneficial to His Majesty's Service.

I am fully convinced, by what I have already experienced, that I shall have every Assistance in their Lordships Power to grant, and beg you will assure them, that His Majesty's Squadron in these Seas shall not remain inactive.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Sir George Brydges Rodney to Mr. Stephens, dated Sandwich, Basse-Terre Road, St. Christopher's, July 31, 1780.

S I R,

IT is at the most positive and pressing Requisition of the Parties concerned in the Papers herewith inclosed, that I presume to trouble you with them for their Lordships Perusal. I am, &c.

G. B. RODNEY.

To Sir George Brydges Rodney, Bart. Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron on the Leeward Island Station.

WE His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Assembly of St. Christopher's, deeply impressed with a just Sense of the important Advantages arising to the British Empire in general from your unabated Ardour in the Service of His Majesty, to crush the Efforts of our ancient and inveterate Enemies now combined for our Destruction; and particularly thankful for the remarkable Protection which has been afforded us since your Arrival in these Seas, beg Leave to offer our warmest Acknowledgments, and to pay a just Tribute to the Merit of so able, gallant and experienced a Commander: May the Success, which crowned the British Arms at the Dawn of your Appointment, continue to increase, and add additional Laurels to those you have already so honorably acquired.

Aretas Akers, Speaker.

*Basse-Terre Assembly Room,
July 22, 1780.*

N E V I S.

To Sir George Brydges Rodney, Bart. Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in these Seas,

The Address of the House of Assembly of the Island of Nevis.

S I R,

THE Assembly of the Island of Nevis, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, ever desirous of paying Tribute to Virtue, wherever due, and expressing grateful Acknowledgments for Services done to them, think themselves at this Time indispensibly bound to declare the deep Sense they entertain of His Majesty's Paternal Care towards them, in having appointed you to the Command of the Squadron in these Seas; and at the same Time to testify to the World their Gratitude for the many and singular Services you have rendered these Colonies.

Accept therefore, Sir, the unfeigned Thanks of the Assembly of Nevis; accept their best Wishes for your Health and Prosperity; and may that Power, which has hitherto led you on to Conquest, ever protect you in the Day of Battle.

These, Sir, are the heart-felt Prayers and Wishes of the Inhabitants of the Island of Nevis, and these will

will, we trust, be ever offered up to the Almighty for your future Preservation.

*Assembly Room, July 25, 1780. E. Parrit, Speaker.
Gwyn V. Jaques, Clerk of the Assembly.*

To Sir George Brydges Rodney, Baronet, Rear-Admiral of Great Britain, Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet in the West Indies.

S I R,

W E, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of the Island of Nevis, are happy in embracing this favourable Opportunity of expressing the Satisfaction we feel, in having an Officer of such distinguished Rank and Merit intrusted with the Command of His Majesty's Fleet in these Seas.

We are at a Loss for Words to express the high Sense we entertain of the Intrepidity, Firmness, and Naval Knowledge, which have so eminently marked your Conduct in all the different Engagements you have had with His Majesty's Enemies, and particularly in the memorable Action of the 17th of April last.

May your illustrious Example be the Means of diffusing such a Spirit of Emulation through the Navy, as will effectually frustrate every Attempt of our combined Enemies, and render the British Flag a subject of Terror and Admiration through the World.

We esteem ourselves bound by every Motive of Gratitude to acknowledge our Obligations to you, Sir, for the Security we at present enjoy, which is the happy Result of your spirited and seasonable Exertions, with a Force greatly inferior to the Enemy.

We most ardently wish, that you may continue to enjoy perfect Health, and live to have a Series of the most distinguished Services acknowledged by a grateful Country, and amply and honourably rewarded by the best of Kings.

J. R. Herbert, President.

By Command,

Tho. Wall,

Clerk of the Council.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 18th of August, 1780,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

W H E R E A S His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 24th Day of September last, to prohibit the Transporting to any Parts out of this Kingdom, or Carrying Coastwise, any Plates of Copper, and Shipping and Lading any Plates of Copper on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to the Transporting the same beyond the Seas, or Carrying the same Coastwise, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council; which Prohibition hath been since continued, and now subsists under certain Exceptions and Restrictions: And whereas an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, to empower His Majesty, by Proclamation or Order in Council, for such Time as shall be therein expressed, to prohibit the Exporting, or Attempting to Export, out of this Kingdom, or the Carrying Coastwise in this Kingdom, any Sort of Copper in Sheets, or

Copper in Bars, therein described, in such Manner, and under such Restraints, as His Majesty shall think fit: And His Majesty judging it necessary for the Publick Good, at this Critical Conjunction, to prohibit the Exporting of Copper out of this Kingdom, or Carrying Coastwise the same, His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, That no Person or Persons whatsoever do, at any Time during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the Date hereof, presume to Export, or attempt to Export, out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Copper in Sheets, or under the Weight of Two Pounds and an Half to the Foot Superficial, unless under the Restraints herein after contained; or any other Copper, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council; but it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that the said Prohibition shall not be taken to extend, to any Sort of Copper to be Exported or sent Coastwise for His Majesty's Service, by Order and under the Directions or Licence of the Commissioners of the Navy, nor to prevent the transporting or carrying Coastwise of any Sort of Copper (except Sheets of Copper of and under the Weight of Two and an Half Pounds to the Foot Superficial) without any Security being required; nor to the exporting the same to any Parts beyond the Sea, to which it may lawfully be exported (except to any of the Ports belonging to France or Spain) upon Condition that all such Copper as is intended for Exportation shall be inspected and examined by an Agent or Agents, appointed or to be appointed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy; and that a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the said Agent or Agents, shall be first had and obtained, setting forth, that no Part of the same consists of Plates of Copper, or Sheets of Copper (except as hereinafter excepted) or Nails made in Whole or in Part of Copper, which can be made Use of for the Purpose of sheathing and coppering Ships or Vessels; which Certificate from the said Agent shall be delivered to the proper Officers of the Customs at the Port in which the said Copper is intended to be shipped, and shall be their Authority for allowing the Quantity of Copper specified in the said Certificate to be put on Board and exported.—And as touching Sheets of Copper of and under the Weight of Two Pounds and an Half to the Foot Superficial, His Majesty is further pleased to permit and allow the same to be carried Coastwise without any Restriction, provided that no greater Quantity than Ten Hundred Weight shall be laden on Board any one Ship, unless Security by Bond hath first been given to the proper Officers of the Customs, in Treble the Value of the Copper intended to be sent Coastwise, to carry the same to the Place proposed, and none other; and to produce and deliver a Certificate or Certificates, within Four Months from the Date of the Bond, from the proper Officers of the Customs at the Ports for which such Copper shall be entered and cleared out, of the same having been all duly landed at such Ports; which Certificate or Certificates such Officer is required to give, and the Commissioners of the Customs to transmit to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in order to be laid before this Board: And His Majesty is likewise pleased to permit and allow the Exportation of Sheets of Copper,