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THIS Day the Parliament having met according to Appointment, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers; and being seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, his Excellency sent for the Commons and directed them to choose a Speaker; and they having unanimously elected the Right Honourable Edmund Sexton Pery into to that Office, he was by them presented to his Excellency and approved of. His Excellency then made the following Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It is with more than ordinary Satisfaction that in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands I meet you, in the full Possession and Enjoyment of those Constitutional and Commercial Advantages which have been so firmly established in your last Parliament. The sacred Regard on the Part of Great Britain, to the Adjustment made with Ireland at that Period, has been abundantly testified by the most unequivocal Proofs of Sincerity and Good Faith.

It will ever be my Wish, as it is my Duty, to promote the mutual Confidence of both Kingdoms, and the uniting them in Sentiments as they are in Interest; such an Union must produce the most solid Advantages to both, and will add Vigour and Strength to the Empire.

I sincerely congratulate you on the happy Completion of His Majesty's anxious Endeavours to restore the Blessings of Peace to his faithful People. The Establishment of the Public Tranquility is peculiarly favourable at this Period, and will naturally give Spirit and Effect to your Commercial Pursuits. Both Kingdoms are now enabled to deliberate with undivided Attention on the surest Means of increasing their Prosperity, and reaping the certain Fruits of reciprocal Affection.

I have the highest Satisfaction in acquainting you of the Increase of His Majesty's domestic Happiness by the Birth of another Princess.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Officers to lay the National Accounts before you: From them you will be enabled to judge of the Circumstances of the Kingdom; and I rely upon your Wisdom and Loyalty to make such Provision as shall be fitting for the honourable Support of His Majesty's Government.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The Miseries of an approaching Famine have been averted by the Blessing of Divine Providence upon the Measures which the Privy Council advised; the

good Effects of which were soon visible in the immediate Reduction of the Price of Grain and the Influx of a valuable and necessary Supply to the Market. Any temporary Infringement of the Laws to effect such salutary Ends, will, I doubt not, receive a Parliamentary Sanction.

Among the many important Objects which demand your Attention, I recommend to your Consideration Laws for regulating the Judicature of the Court of Admiralty, and for making a new Establishment of the Post-Office.

The Linen Manufacture being the Staple of your Country, it is needless for me to recommend Perseverance in the Improvement of that most important Article.

The Fishery on your Coasts will claim your Attention as a promising Source of Wealth to this Kingdom; and the Encouragements granted to it will no Doubt be regulated by you in the Manner most likely to produce the best Effect, and least subject to Fraud and Imposition.

The Protestant Charter Schools, an Institution founded in Wisdom and Humanity, are also most eminently intitled to your Care.

I recommend likewise to your Attention the Proposals adopted by Government for providing an Asylum for the distressed Genevans. It well becomes the Generosity of the People of Ireland to extend their Protection to ingenious and industrious Men, who may prove a valuable Acquisition to this Country, which they have preferred to their own. But in forming this Establishment, you will doubtless consider it as a Part of your Duty to avoid unnecessary Expence, and ultimately to secure the utmost Advantages to your Country.

I anticipate the greatest national Benefits from the Wisdom and Temper of Parliament, when I consider that the General Election has afforded you an Opportunity of observing the internal Circumstances of the Country, and of judging by what Regulations you may best increase its Industry, encourage its Manufactures, and extend its Commerce.

In the Furtherance of Objects so very desirable to yourselves, I assure you of every good Disposition on my Part; sensible that in no Manner I can better fulfil the Wishes and Commands of our Gracious Sovereign, than by contributing to the Welfare and Happiness of His loyal Subjects. With an honest Ambition of meriting your good Opinion, and with the warmest Hope of obtaining it, I have entered upon my present arduous Situation; and with Sentiments pure and disinterested towards you, I claim your Advice, and firmly rely upon your Support.

Dublin

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