

National Advantage, we will direct our Attention to the Support of our Linen Manufacture, to the Protection and Regulation of the Protestant Charter Schools, to the Security of the Church of Ireland, and to the Principles which Wisdom and Humanity suggest for the Advancement of Education and useful Knowledge.

We sincerely thank your Excellency for the particular Satisfaction which you express in our rising Prosperity, and for your Desire to co-operate with us in improving the Advantages we derive from the Blessings of Peace: But, though fully sensible of the Value of those Blessings, we are no less intimately concerned in the Honor of His Majesty's Crown and the general Interest of the Empire; and your Excellency may rest persuaded, that had His Majesty judged it necessary to call forth our Exertions for the Defence of those Objects, He would have found as cordial and as zealous a Support from this Kingdom as from any other Part of His Majesty's Dominions.

W. Watts Gayer, } Cler. Parliament.
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His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

I Receive with the most cordial Satisfaction and Thanks this Testimony of your favorable Opinions. The high Honor which you conferred upon me, after I had retired from this Government, must always encourage me to endeavor to merit the Continuance of the same Partiality and Regard, by the strictest Attention to the Prosperity and Happiness of Ireland.

To His Excellency George Grenville Nugent Temple, Marquis of Buckingham, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of Ireland,

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses, in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Excellency our sincere Thanks for your most excellent Speech from the Throne.

Whilst your Excellency so justly deplores the severe Loss which has resulted to His Majesty's Service from the Death of the Duke of Rutland, it is impossible for us to repress the keen Sensations of our heartfelt Sorrow and Regret for that much-lamented and untimely Event. The amiable and exalted Qualities which distinguished that Nobleman's Character had indeed deservedly endeared him to our Hearts, whilst his firm and prosperous Administration had entitled him to our Confidence, by securing the Tranquillity, and encreasing the Credit and Commerce of the Kingdom.

It is, however, a signal Consolation to us, that, after so disastrous an Event, we can repose our Interests with full Security in your Excellency's experienced Virtues and acknowledged Abilities. We have amply recorded our Sense of the Blessings we derived from your former Administration, an Administration equally honorable to yourself and beneficial to Ireland. And we have the utmost Confidence that your Excellency will again pursue that upright Line of Conduct, which cannot fail of engaging our full Support, and ensuring the Approbation of the Kingdom.

We congratulate ourselves on the Satisfaction which His Majesty feels from the present Situation of Foreign Affairs, and particularly in the Restoration of

the Tranquillity and Constitution of the United Provinces, favoured by the rapid Success of the Russian Arms under the Conduct of his Serene Highness the Duke of Brunswick, and by the vigorous and well-timed Exertions of His Majesty. On reviewing these important Events, we acknowledge and admire the superior Wisdom of His Majesty's Counsels, which, without interrupting the Peace of His Dominions, have so honorably augmented the Lustre of His Crown, and promoted the true Interests of His Empire.

We shall not hesitate to make the necessary Provisions for the Public Service, through a well-founded Confidence; that what we grant with Cheerfulness will be expended with Integrity.

We return your Excellency our sincere Acknowledgments for the Interest you are pleased to express for our Welfare and Prosperity. We are assured, that convinced of our inviolable Loyalty and Attachment to our Sovereign, you will represent our Conduct with Fidelity, whilst you promote with Earnestness His Majesty's paternal Wishes for the Happiness of Ireland.

We are sensible of your Excellency's Wisdom in recommending to our particular Care that great Staple of our Commerce, the Linen Manufacture; as well as the Protection and Regulation of the Protestant Charter Schools, the Security of the National Church, and those Principles of Education and useful Knowledge, which have been already suggested for improving the Morals of the People. Our Attention will be immediately directed to those great Objects which your Excellency has selected with such judicious Knowledge of our real Situation and true Interests.

We cannot be sufficiently grateful for the Satisfaction your Excellency has expressed at the Increase of our Credit and Prosperity, and the Extension of our Commerce and Manufactures, whilst we are convinced of your Anxiety to improve the Advantages which may be derived to them from sedulously cultivating the Blessings of Peace.

We must, however, request your Excellency to assure His Majesty, that no Part of His Empire would have displayed more Alacrity and Zeal for His Service, if He had judged it necessary to call forth the Spirit and Resources of His People, in Defence of the Honor of His Crown, or the general and common Interests of the Empire.

His Excellency's Answer.

I Return you my best Thanks for this Address so strongly expressive of your Partiality to me; and I trust that by Perseverance in the same Conduct, which was formerly marked by the honorable Testimony of your Approbation and Regards, I shall not be unworthy of the Confidence which you have so kindly reposed in my Zeal for the King's Service, and in my Affection for this Kingdom.

War-Office, January 26, 1788.

15th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons, William Stapleton, Gent. is appointed to be Cornet, vice William Aylett.

19th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons, Lieutenant John Bailey, from the Half Pay of the late 19th Dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice Patrick Maxwell.

1st Regiment of Foot, 2d Battalion, Allan MacLean, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Lord Sinclair.

Diisa, Captain-Lieutenant Sir James Pettigrew, to be Captain of a Company, vice John Heighington.

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