

tachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government.

The present miserable State of France forms an instructive Contrast to the Security and Freedom which we enjoy under our happy Constitution. The Lenity and equal Justice of our Laws, and the Mildness of your Majesty's auspicious Government, cannot fail to unite the People of Ireland in the most effectual Measures for the Maintenance of those inestimable Blessings.

We sincerely rejoice that the Spirit of Insurrection, which was for some Time prevalent among some of the lower Orders of the People, is in general suppressed; and we trust that, by the Continuance of that Wisdom and Firmness which has been shewn by your Majesty's Government, they will be preserved in a due Sense of Order, and that the Macinations of those who may attempt to seduce them from their accustomed Loyalty will be defeated and punished.

We are happy to find that the Establishment of an effective Militia in this Kingdom has been carried successfully into Execution. The beneficial Consequences of that constitutional Force are already manifested.

We return your Majesty our sincere Thanks for the Appointment of Commissioners to execute the Office of your Majesty's Treasurer of the Exchequer in this Kingdom, in order that the Payment of the Civil List granted to your Majesty, and a regular Appropriation of the Revenue to distinct Services, may be carried into Execution in a Manner as conformable to the Practice of Great Britain as the relative Situation of this Kingdom will permit.

We shall continue our Attention and Encouragement to the Agriculture and Manufactures of Ireland, and particularly to the Linen Manufacture; and we shall give our accustomed Protection to the Protestant Charter Schools and other Institutions of Public Utility.

We humbly offer our Congratulations to your Majesty, that, by your Majesty's Exertions, the Trade of the Empire has been protected, and the Resources which the Enemy derived from their wealthy Colonies and extensive Trade have been cut off; that several of their unjust Conquests have been recovered; and that many of their Fortresses are possessed by the Forces of your Majesty and your Allies; whilst the Attempts of France to weaken the Security of our happy Constitution have entirely failed.

Your Majesty may confidently rely upon our firm Attachment and Loyalty; and we are determined strenuously to resist, with our Lives and Fortunes, the Efforts of our Enemies, in their desperate Endeavours to subvert every Principle of social Order, and to spread Confusion and Anarchy through every Government in Europe.

When Peace can be obtained, without surrendering the Honor of your Majesty's Crown, or sacrificing the present and future Security of your People and of the rest of Europe, we are satisfied of your Majesty's Determination to exert yourself, in Conjunction with your Allies, to attain that desirable Object.

We offer our sincere Thanks to your Majesty for continuing the Earl of Westmorland in the Government of this Kingdom. The Benefits which we have experienced under his Administration are Evidences of the faithful Representations made by him to your Majesty, and will animate our Zeal in co operating with his Exertions, under your Majesty's Auspices, for the Prosperity of Ireland.

*John Gayer, D. Cler. Parl.*

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

*I Will immediately transmit this dutiful and loyal Address to be laid before His Majesty.*

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

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

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with the warmest Assurances of our Affection and Loyalty, and with the most cordial Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family and Government.

We feel with sensible Satisfaction that the vain Hope of shaking the Stability of your Majesty's Throne, or weakening the Security of our happy Constitution, which seems to have animated the French in their unprovoked Declaration of War, has entirely failed.

We beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty, that not only many of the unjust and oppressive Conquests of the French have been wrested from them, but that the Forces of your Majesty and of your Allies are in Possession of many important Fortresses which belonged to them; and whilst the Advantages which France derived from her extensive Trade and opulent Colonies have been cut off, the Commerce of your Subjects has been generally protected by the Superiority of your Majesty's Fleets.

We have seen with Satisfaction the Suppression of those Outrages and Insurrections which so recently disgraced some of the lower Orders of the People. We are sensible of the Vigor of your Majesty's Government in checking those Disorders, and we shall continue our Exertions till this dangerous Spirit be finally extinguished. We trust that all future Attempts to seduce the lower Classes from their usual Subordination and Loyalty will be defeated, and that the Instigators of such Violences will be brought to condign Punishment.

We acknowledge the beneficial Effects of a National Militia, which has been so successfully established, whilst it presents the best Security against internal Disturbance, it has afforded a considerable Augmentation to the general Force of the Empire.

We cannot sufficiently express our Acknowledgments to your Majesty, for appointing a Commission under the Great Seal to execute the Office of Lord High Treasurer of Ireland, in order to guard the Payment of your Majesty's Civil List, and the strict Appropriation of the Revenue to distinct Services.

We shall with Cheerfulness grant such Supplies, as the extraordinary Exigencies of the Times and the Honor of your Majesty's Crown and Government shall require, knowing that we are engaged in a Contest for our Freedom, Property and Religion. We are ready to support those inestimable Blessings with our Lives and Fortunes.

We shall attend with due Regard to the great Interests of Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures, and particularly to the Linen Manufacture, and we shall support the Protestant Charter Schools, and the other Public Institutions which are committed to our Protection, with accustomed Liberality.

We sincerely thank your Majesty for your gracious Reliance upon the Loyalty and Attachment of your People of Ireland. We should be indeed inensible of that Happiness which we enjoy under the mild Spirit of our Religion, and the temperate Administration of a just Government, if we were not strenuously resolved to resist those Attacks which threaten the Subversion of every Principle that gives Security to our Persons and Properties; and when we consider the desperate Designs of those Men, who are endeavouring to plunge every Government of Europe in Confusion and Anarchy, and to erect their own Power on the Ruins of Law and Order, your Majesty must be

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