

ured that no Means have been left untried by your Excellency to counteract the Infigators of Difaffection, it becomes us to increase our Vigilance, and to aid your Excellency's Endeavours with proportionate Energy.

The Agriculture, the Manufactures, the Commerce of the Kingdom, which have been recommended to our Attention by your Excellency, will be the Objects of our peculiar Care. The Protestant Charter Schools, and other Institutions of Education and Charity, which have been usually succoured by National Benevolence, will also receive, at a proper Time, their due Encouragement.

We cannot but feel the strongest Incitement to exert ourselves for the Advancement of National Prosperity, when we reflect that, even under the Pressure of War, our Resources remain unimpaired. This fortunate Situation of our Country is an evident Proof that the Measures of Government have been wisely directed to the true Interests of the Kingdom.

We look forward to the early Attainment of an honourable and permanent Peace, from the Steps which His Majesty has taken to secure that most desirable Event. If any sinister Views shall defeat his benevolent Purposes, His Majesty may rest assured of our Readiness to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Support of his Crown and Dignity; and we doubt not that a brave and loyal People will enable your Excellency to frustrate every hostile Attack, and maintain the Kingdom in Peace and Security.

John Gayer, D. Cler. Parl.

His Excellency's Answer.

My Lords,

I Return your Lordships my most sincere and grateful Thanks for this Address.

It will be my highest Ambition to endeavour, by a faithful Discharge of my Duty, to retain the Continuance of that Approbation which is so eminently flattering to me.

To his Excellency John Jeffries, Earl Camden, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland,

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

May it please your Excellency,

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

His Majesty's repeated Acts of paternal Goodness towards this Kingdom claim our most grateful Acknowledgments; and in no Instance has His Majesty's Regard for the Happiness of his People of Ireland been more conspicuously manifested than in the Continuance of your Excellency as Chief Governor, who, by the Wisdom, Moderation, and Energy of your Government, have conciliated the Affections, and acquired the Confidence of His Majesty's Subjects of Ireland, and who, by your unremitting Attention to the Interests of this Country, have so essentially conduced to it's present Welfare and Prosperity.

We are truly grateful to His Majesty for thus early assembling his Parliament, at a Period when the ambitious Projects of the Enemy threaten to interrupt the Prosperity of His Majesty's Subjects, by making a Descent on this Kingdom and Great Britain; and although we feel the utmost Confidence in the Spirit, Loyalty, and Zeal of His Majesty's faithful People of Ireland to repel such an Attack, yet we shall neglect no Precaution which may preclude such an Attempt, or secure the speediest Means of turning it to the Confusion of the Enemy.

We most thankfully acknowledge His Majesty's paternal Care in directing an Addition to be made to the Regular Forces in this Kingdom from Great Britain; and we have a just Impression of His Majesty's Wisdom and his Attention to the Safety of Ireland, in the Encouragement which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give to the loyal and zealous Disposition, which has generally displayed itself, to associate in Arms, under His Majesty's Authority, for the better Security of Property and the Preservation of Tranquillity and good Order.

We are grateful for the Communication which has been made to us, that in consequence of the Steps which His Majesty has taken to restore Peace to Europe, and to secure its future Tranquillity, a Way has at length been opened for an immediate and direct Negotiation, and that it is His Majesty's Intention to send a Person to Paris with full Powers to treat for the Restoration of general Peace.

We regret the apparently hostile Dispositions and Conduct of the Court of Spain, and that they have led to Discussions, with the final Result of which His Majesty has not as yet been able to acquaint his Parliament; yet we rely with the most perfect Confidence, that, whatever may be their Issue, they will afford to Europe a farther Proof of His Majesty's Moderation and Forbearance, and cannot fail to animate us in defending the Dignity, Rights and Interests of his Empire against every Aggression.

In reviewing the Events of this Year, it affords us the greatest Satisfaction to observe, that, by the Spirit and Exertions of His Majesty's Navy, the Commerce of his Kingdoms has been protected in a Degree almost beyond Example, and in no Part more completely than by the Skill, Activity, and Bravery of the Squadron stationed on the Coasts of this Kingdom.

We congratulate your Excellency on the Success of His Majesty's Arms in the East and West Indies, which has been highly honourable and advantageous to the Empire, and evinces, in the strongest Manner, the Valour and good Conduct of His Majesty's Forces both by Sea and Land.

We also felicitate your Excellency on the essential Change which has been given to the Aspect of Affairs on the Continent by the honourable and dignified Conduct of the Emperor, and by the Intrepidity and Spirit of the Austrian Forces under the Command of the Archduke Charles; and we trust that the final Result of the Campaign will be such as will materially promote His Majesty's Endeavours to obtain a safe and honourable Peace for himself and his Allies.

Strongly impressed with the great Interests for which we are contending, we will cheerfully provide for such Articles of Expence as are not included in the Estimates of the current Year, and which the present