

*Yeomanry Corps. Their Extent has exceeded my Expectations; and whatever I might have hoped from the Utility of the Establishment, it would have been presumptuous indeed to have expected all these Advantages which have been produced by the most zealous, praiseworthy and the best directed Exertions of that Body of Men.*

*It will be my highest Ambition to endeavour to deserve that good Opinion your Lordships are disposed to entertain of me, by a faithful Discharge of my Duty, and a constant Attention to the Interests of this Kingdom.*

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

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, 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 Excellency's Message to this House.

We feel a Pride and Satisfaction in your Excellency's Declaration that the general Spirit of animated and gallant Loyalty, which shone forth so conspicuous during the late Alarm from a formidable Enemy's Appearance upon our Coasts, inspired you with a just Hope, that had they succeeded in an Attempt to land, their Career would have been terminated in total Discomfiture. We do most sincerely entertain the same Hope; and when we add to that Loyalty the Strength and Energy which it received from the Firmness and Wisdom of your Excellency's Measures, our Hope and that of the Nation is justly increased into a well-founded and secure Confidence.

In particular we applaud your Excellency's Wisdom and Reliance on the true Patriotism of the Country in the Establishment of the Yeomanry Corps. Their Services have been eminent and extensive, performed with an Alacrity, such as a true Love for their King and Country only could have inspired; and they have given a useful Lesson to the Enemy, in shewing how delusive all their Hopes were of exciting a general Insurrection in this Kingdom; and we doubt not your Excellency will persevere in perfecting an Institution, which, by maintaining the internal Tranquillity and augmenting the real Strength of the Kingdom, will continue to afford at once Security to Property and Stability to the Constitution.

We shall make adequate Provision for the present Emergency; and we rely upon your Excellency's proved Integrity and Wisdom for continuing to consult the true Interest of the Kingdom, and to concert the best Means for its Defence.

It is our ardent Prayer that His Majesty may long continue to us a Chief Governor, whose public and private Virtues have justly endeared him to the Nation, in whose Sincerity we can securely rely for a favourable Representation of our Interests and Services, and in whom the whole Nation entertain a just and well-founded Confidence.

*Rob. Thoroton, Cler. Dom. Com*

His Excellency's Answer.

THE Marks of Confidence and good Opinion which have been bestowed on me by the House of Commons are so much more than I deserve, that I feel the Acknowledgements due to them to be infinitely beyond what I can express.

It is a Source of the greatest Satisfaction to observe, that as the Danger has approached, the Spirit and the Loyalty of this Nation have been more conspicuous. This Kingdom has felt, with an honest Indignation, the Conduct of an Enemy, who not only threatened its Coasts with the usual Weapons of War, but endeavoured to produce Dissensions amongst its Inhabitants, and to shake its Confidence in the Sister Kingdom.

To repel such a Foe, whose Power is not yet crushed, but whose Inveteracy is undiminished, will require Exertions which, from the Examples I have lately had the Satisfaction to meditate, would, I firmly trust, have terminated in the Discomfiture of the Enemy, but which continued, as I am confident they will be, by the Spirit of the Nation, and encouraged by the Protection of the House of Commons, will, I doubt not, prevent the Renewal of their Attempt, or render it completely abortive, if it should be repeated.

I receive with infinite Pleasure these Expressions of Approbation you are pleased to bestow upon me for the Encouragement I have given to the Establishment of the Yeomanry Corps: Their Extent and their Utility have even exceeded my Expectations. It has given the most convincing Proof of the Resource and the true Spirit of this Nation, and it has shewn that every Rank in the State will unite in the Preservation of those Blessings they enjoy under our happy Constitution.

My Representations to His Majesty have been made with the Sincerity for which you give me Credit, and with the Sentiments I ought to be impressed with, when I take Notice of the Loyalty, the Liberality and the Zeal of the House of Commons and of the Irish Nation. They are received by His Majesty with the Approbation they merit, and I should ill execute His gracious Commands if I did not express His entire and grateful Satisfaction.

Encouraged by the Confidence you are so good as to express, I shall endeavour to perform that Duty with which His Majesty has entrusted me; and assisted by your Advice, and depending upon your Indulgence, I look forward with a Confidence, which the Reflection upon my own Ability would not allow me to entertain, to the happy Termination of the Difficulties we may have to encounter.

*St. James's, January 26.*

THE following Address has been presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Grantham Loyal Volunteer Corps of Infantry.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Grantham Volunteer Corps of Infantry, deeply impressed with your Majesty's paternal Regard and Affection, and sensible of the many Blessings we derive under your Majesty's Government, and also fully convinced that as Subjects and Soldiers our Lives should be devoted to the Safety and Protection of our King and Country, and for the Defence