

respectable Naval Force assembled under Lord Bridport may be enabled to fall in with them in their Retreat, and complete their Overthrow.

Your Majesty may be assured, that we shall immediately take into our Consideration the Situation and Resources of the Kingdom, and reflecting on the daring Efforts which may be expected from our Enemy, we shall use our utmost Exertions for establishing future Security. We trust that the united Efforts of your Majesty's Kingdoms will soon reduce them to the Acceptance of reasonable Conditions of Peace. We doubt not of rendering all their Attempts to excite internal Disaffection abortive; and by shewing that they are actuated by Principles which lead to Anarchy, and are led only by a Spirit of Plunder, we shall hope to combine the Exertions of every Individual in a common Effort for their Discomfiture and Defeat.

We are particularly called upon at the present Crisis to express our Approbation of the Conduct of the Earl Camden in the Administration of this Kingdom. His vigorous and effectual Measures for preventing the Mischiefs of Foreign Invasion and Domestic Disturbance claim our warmest Gratitude; and we look forward to his Continuance in the Government as a Pledge of your paternal Regard for the Happiness of your People of Ireland.

John Gayer, D. Cler. Parl.

His Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

GEORGE R.

HIS Majesty returns his Thanks to the House of Lords of Ireland for their dutiful Assurances of Loyalty and Attachment to his Person and Government.

The Sentiments they have expressed on the unprovoked Aggression of the Court of Spain, and on the abrupt Conclusion of the Negotiations for Peace with France, are highly satisfactory to His Majesty, and His Majesty has the most confident Reliance on the Justice of his Cause and the Spirit of his People, that He shall be enabled to resist with Success the unreasonable Pretensions of his Enemies, and to terminate the War by a secure and honorable Peace.

His Majesty cordially unites with the House of Lords in most gratefully acknowledging the Divine Goodness, so eminently manifested in the Dispersion of the Enemy's Fleet at a Time when His Majesty's Naval Forces were prevented approaching the Irish Coast by the Violence of adverse Winds; during which awful and momentous Crisis His Majesty cannot but reflect with the highest Satisfaction on the united and extraordinary Exertions which were displayed by all Orders of his People of Ireland in Support of their Holy Religion and the happy Form of Government under which they live.

His Majesty is happy in expressing his Approbation and Applause of the exemplary Conduct of the Regular and Militia Forces, and in acknowledging the important Advantages which have been derived from the late Establishment of the Yeomanry Corps. And His Majesty is fully convinced, that if the Enemy had effected a Landing, it would have afforded an Opportunity to all these Corps to acquire additional Honor by a farther Display of the Zeal, Alacrity and Courage by which they have already so much distinguished themselves.

The Assurances given by the House of Lords of their Readiness to concur in every Measure which shall be found necessary for the Defence of their Country are highly pleasing to His Majesty, and are received by

him as Testimonies of the Loyalty and Attachment which he has so often and so uniformly experienced.

The House of Lords may depend that no Means will be wanting, on the Part of His Majesty, to give Effect to their Exertions, and they may look with Confidence to the Co-operation of Great Britain in every Measure which it may be necessary to pursue for the Safety of her Sister Kingdom.

His Majesty is much pleased to hear the Sentiments of Respect which the House of Lords profess for the Earl Camden, and the Confidence which they repose in his Character and Conduct. His Majesty receives this Declaration as the most acceptable Acknowledgement of the Motives which influenced Him to place the Government of Ireland in the Earl Camden's Hands.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with our unfeigned Thanks for the gracious Message delivered to this House by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, by your Majesty's Command. We sincerely participate in the Regret which your Majesty feels, that your Majesty's Endeavours to preserve Peace with Spain, and to adjust all Matters in Discussion with that Court, by an amicable Negotiation, have been rendered ineffectual by an abrupt and unprovoked Declaration of War on the Part of the Catholic King. We lament, together with your Majesty, this Addition to the Calamities of War, already extending over so great a Part of Europe; at the same Time we are convinced that nothing has been omitted, on the Part of your Majesty, which could contribute to the Maintenance of Peace on Grounds consistent with the Honour of your Majesty's Crown and the Interests of your Dominions. We trust, however, that the Divine Providence will favour and assist your Majesty's Councils, will enable you to repel this unprovoked Aggression, and to afford to all Europe an additional Proof of the Spirit and Resources of your Majesty's Kingdoms; and it will be our Endeavour to contribute every Aid and Exertion in our Power for co-operating with your Majesty's Efforts.

We learn also, with the truest Concern, that your Majesty's earnest Endeavours to effect the Restoration of Peace have been unhappily frustrated, and that the Negotiation in which your Majesty was engaged has been abruptly broken off, by the peremptory Refusal of the French Government to treat, except upon a Basis evidently inadmissible, and by their having, in consequence, required your Majesty's Plenipotentiary to quit Paris within Forty-eight Hours.

We humbly thank your Majesty for the Communication which has been made of the several Memorials and Papers which have been exchanged in the Course of the late Discussion, and for the Account transmitted to your Majesty of the final Result.

We doubt not that from these Papers it will be proved to the whole World that your Majesty's Conduct has been guided by a sincere Desire to effect the Restoration of Peace on Principles suited to the relative Situation of the Belligerent Powers, and essential for the permanent Interests of your Kingdoms, and