

with the Maintenance of our happy Constitution in Church and State. We trust we shall long remain under your Excellency's auspicious Protection, and we look forward with Confidence, through a steady Perseverance and the Favour of Divine Providence, that the present Contest may be brought to an happy Termination.

John Gayer, D. Cler. Parl.

His Excellency's Answer.

My Lords,

THE Terms in which your Lordships have been pleased to convey to me your Approbation and your Confidence, demand my peculiar Acknowledgements.

The Crisis at which His Majesty has called upon you for your Deliberation and Advice, is one that demands every Exertion which your Wisdom can dictate, or your Spirit execute. His Majesty places the firmest Reliance on his Parliament. It is therefore unnecessary for me to represent that Zeal and Firmness which your Lordships have not failed to manifest upon every Occasion. It will be infinitely satisfactory to me, if by a faithful Execution of my Duty, by the heartiest Co-operation with your Lordships, I am enabled to preserve the Tranquillity and promote the Prosperity of Ireland.

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, return your Excellency our most humble Thanks for your excellent Speech from the Throne.

Our most grateful Acknowledgements are due to His Majesty for his gracious Attention to the Welfare of this Kingdom, in convening us under the Auspices of your Excellency, whose unremitting Vigilance over the Interests of this Country, and whose wise, prudent, and vigorous Government, united to your many and amiable private Virtues, claim the Confidence, Support and Affection of all His Majesty's faithful Subjects of Ireland.

The Tranquillity which attended the late General Election has afforded an incontrovertible Proof that the Wisdom and Firmness displayed in the Measures of the last Parliament have been felt and approved by the Nation at large; and we beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that we shall not lose Sight of the Principles by which that Parliament was actuated; and that it shall be our earnest Endeavour to deserve the Reliance which your Excellency is pleased to place in our Zeal for the Defence and Maintenance of our happy Constitution.

We recognize His Majesty's Goodness in communicating to us his Royal Declaration, and the various Papers which passed in the Course of the late Negotiation with France; and though we lament that His Majesty's humane Endeavours to prevent the further Progress of those Calamities, which are inseparable from a State of War, have been frustrated by the wild, boundless, and dangerous Ambition of the French Government, yet the Magnanimity and Moderation of His Majesty have left no Pretext or Colour for the insidious Conduct and allacious Statements of the Enemy, and have proved

to the World, that we are called upon by every Sentiment of Duty, and of Self-Preservation, to resist that restless Spirit of Aggrandizement, which menaces the Rights and Liberties, not only of these Kingdoms, but of all Europe.

The generous and endearing Confidence which His Majesty reposes in the Spirit of his People of Ireland will, we are fully persuaded, be justified by the most convincing Proofs, that they are actuated by the same ardent Sense of Duty to their God, Loyalty to their Sovereign, and Attachment to their Country, which has in former Times carried this Nation through so many Perils and Difficulties; and His Majesty's Expressions of implicit Reliance on the Valour of his Regular and Militia Forces, the active Loyalty of the District Corps, the Courage of the Nation, and the Prowess of his Fleets and Armies, must redouble that Zeal, extend that Influence, and increase those personal Exertions, which are so essential to the Protection and Security of the Country.

We offer to your Excellency our most sincere and heartfelt Congratulations, on the late signal and distinguished Victory obtained over the Dutch Squadron by Admiral Lord Duncan, which has added new Splendor to the Glory of His Majesty's Navy, and which is a fresh and animating Instance of that Skill and Intrepidity which have so often enabled our Ancestors to defend their own Rights and Liberties, and those of other States, against the united Efforts of the most powerful and dangerous Confederacies.

Every Motive and every Interest that can influence the Hearts of Loyal Subjects, call on His Majesty's faithful Commons to grant such Supplies as the Exigency of the Affairs of the Empire may require; and being fully convinced that the Security of every Benefit and Advantage we enjoy, is involved in the present Contest, we should be wanting in the Duty we owe to our Constituents, to ourselves, and to our Posterity, if we did not engage, with our Lives and Fortunes to support this awful and important Cause. We shall therefore cheerfully make such Provision as may be necessary for this great Purpose, firmly relying on your Excellency's Wisdom and Justice, that it will be applied in such Manner as will be most effectually adapted to the Ends which it is intended to answer, and with the utmost Economy that the Extent and Nature of the Service will allow.

We learn, with the greatest Satisfaction, that the prompt and vigorous Measures which your Excellency adopted, in consequence of the Addresses of the Houses of Lords and Commons in May last, for repressing Disaffection in the Northern Parts of this Kingdom, and for restoring Security and Confidence to the loyal and well-disposed, have effected the Re-establishment of Subordination and Industry in that Quarter. We feel the utmost Abhorrence and Indignation at those seditious Leaders, who, by their insidious Practices have deluded our Fellow-Subjects in some Parts of the Midland and Southern Districts, into a Conduct no less subversive of their own Happiness and real Interests than injurious to the Prosperity and Safety of their Country. We cannot hear, without the deepest Regret, that emissaries have been employed, and that Publications have been circulated by them, to revive religious Animosities, and to open Prospects of Plunder, and that the lower Classes have been by these Means excited to commit Acts of the most horrid Outrage

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