

Kingdoms: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and We charge, That this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published; and We appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the same may be published, and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the First Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, in the Thirty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

*Dublin-Castle, January 26, 1799.*

THE Houses of Lords and Commons having resolved upon humble Addresses to His Majesty, the same were this Day presented to the Lord Lieutenant for Transmission; and also Addresses from both Houses to his Excellency, which, with his Excellency's Answers, are as follow:

To his Excellency Charles, Marquis Cornwallis, Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

*May it please your Excellency,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, return your Excellency our humble Thanks for your excellent Speech from the Throne: and beg Leave to express our grateful Sense of His Majesty's paternal Goodness, in continuing in the Government of this Kingdom a Nobleman whose high Character, distinguished alike by public Virtue and by private Worth, and whose wise, firm, and salutary Administration entitle him to the Esteem and Confidence of the People over whom he is appointed to preside.

We receive with heartfelt Satisfaction your Excellency's Congratulations on the unexampled Achievement of the Detachment of His Majesty's Fleet under the Command of Rear-Admiral Lord Nelson, on the total Defeat of the French Squadron

off the Coasts of this Kingdom by that under the Command of Sir John Borlase Warren, and also on the important Conquest of the Island of Minorca; and we unite with your Excellency in the Hope that the Confidence of the other Powers of Europe may by these Means be revived, and that they may be encouraged to such strenuous and persevering Exertions as may effectually frustrate the destructive Ambition of the common Enemy.

We feel deep Regret that a Spirit of Disaffection should still be found to prevail in different Parts of the Kingdom, and still more that the secret Agents of the Enemy should yet be able to raise an Expectation of fresh Assistance from France.

Convinced as we are of the Necessity of continuing the War with Vigour, His Majesty shall not be disappointed in the Reliance he is pleased to place in us. No Exertion on our Part shall be wanting in Support of the Honor of his Crown, the Interests of this Kingdom, and of the general Cause of the Empire.

It gives us the highest Satisfaction to learn from your Excellency that, notwithstanding our internal Calamities, this Kingdom, blended as its Interests are in the general Prosperity of the Empire, has participated in the increasing Wealth and Commerce of Great Britain, and that our Revenues and Trade have increased.

We beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that we shall omit no Means in our Power for giving Countenance and Protection to the Agriculture and Manufactures of Ireland, and particularly to the Linen Manufacture, to the Protestant Charter Schools, and the other Charitable Establishments which have hitherto enjoyed the Liberality of Parliament. Your Excellency may also rely on our paying the Attention due to the just and honorable Claims of those who have suffered for their Loyalty during the Rebellion.

His Majesty may be assured that we shall continue to exert our utmost Energy for repressing that Spirit of Disaffection which we are fully sensible still demands the Exercise of extraordinary Powers to check its malignant Effects. That in such Acts of indispensable Severity as have hitherto been resorted to, your Excellency has endeavoured to mitigate the Effects of penal Justice by every possible Degree of Forbearance and Lenity, we deeply feel and gratefully acknowledge.

Interested as we are in the general Cause which engages the Empire, we contemplate, with the highest Satisfaction, its present encouraging Circumstances, and we are resolved to persevere with redoubled Efforts until we can obtain a Peace on secure and honorable Terms.

We have seen with equal Approbation and Gratitude the Zeal of His Majesty's Regular and Militia Forces, the Gallantry of the Yeomanry, the honorable Co-operation of the British Fencibles and Militia, and the Activity, Skill, and Valour of His Majesty's Fleets; and on their continued Exertions we rely with Firmness for the Defeat of any future Effort of the Enemy.

We are gratefully indebted to your Excellency for having made the Situation and Circumstances of this Kingdom the Subject of your Reflection, and we shall pay the most serious Attention to that Part of your Excellency's Speech in which you state, that