

“ when you consider on the one Hand the Strength  
 “ and Stability of Great Britain, and on the other  
 “ those Divisions which have shaken Ireland to its  
 “ Foundations, you are the more anxious for some  
 “ permanent Adjustment, which may extend the  
 “ Advantages enjoyed by our Sister Kingdom to  
 “ every Part of this Island.”

The unremitting Industry with which our Enemies persevere in their avowed Design of endeavouring to effect a Separation of this Kingdom from Great Britain, have indeed engaged our particular Attention; and in Conformity to the anxious Hope expressed by his Majesty, that this Consideration, joined to the Sentiment of mutual Affection and common Interest, may dispose the Parliaments in both Kingdoms to provide the most effectual Means of maintaining and improving a Connexion essential to their common Security, and of consolidating, as far as possible, into one firm and lasting Fabric the Strength, the Power, and the Resources of the British Empire, we shall not omit to give to this important Subject the fullest Deliberation.

*John Gayer, D. Cler. Parl.*

His Excellency's Answer.

*My Lords,*

**I** RETURN you my unfeigned Thanks for your affectionate and kind Address. The Zeal which you have manifested for cementing the Connexion of this Kingdom with Great Britain, and for consolidating the Resources of the Empire, must be highly pleasing to His Majesty.

*My humble Attempts to deserve your good Opinions have been anxious and sincere, and I shall steadily pursue that Line of Conduct which already received your Approbation.*

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

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

*May it please your Excellency,*

**W**E, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Excellency our humble Thanks for your excellent Speech from the Throne.

It is with the warmest Emotions of Gratitude we acknowledge that His Majesty's Reign has been replete with Instances of his unremitting Solitude for the Prosperity and Happiness of this Kingdom, and on no Occasion has his anxious Regard for its Welfare been more conspicuously or beneficially manifested than in the Continuance of a Nobleman as its Chief Governor, whose Life has been distinguished by the eminent Services he has rendered to the Empire, as well in the Cabinet as in the Field, and whose exalted Character, private Virtues, ingratiating Manners, and wise, just, firm, and impartial Councils, cannot fail to conciliate the Affections and secure the Confidence of the People entrusted to his Care.

Permit us to express the grateful Pleasure with which we receive your Excellency's Congratulations on the splendid and unexampled Victory obtained by the Detachment of His Majesty's Fleet under Rear-Admiral Lord Nelson, which, whether we

consider its decisive Result, the Discipline and Intrepidity evinced by the Officers and Seamen, or the Courage and Capacity displayed by their Commander, must ever be regarded as the most glorious Achievement in the Naval History of Great Britain; the complete Discomfiture of the French Squadron by that under the Command of that able and gallant Officer Sir John Borlase Warren off the Coast of this Kingdom, as also the valuable Acquisition of the Island of Minorca, afford us additional Matter of the highest Satisfaction; these brilliant and important Events, whilst they prove the Vigilance and Vigour of His Majesty's Measures in the Prosecution of the War, will, we trust, revive the Confidence of other Powers, and excite them to strenuous and persevering Exertions against those Machinations of the common Enemy, which tend so directly to the Subjugation of every independent State and the Subversion of all civil Liberty and social Happiness.

We feel, in common with your Excellency, a deep Concern that a Spirit of Disaffection should yet be found prevalent in several Parts of the Kingdom, and we cannot repress our Indignation that the secret Agents of the Enemy are still indefatigable in promoting the Expectations of their deluded Followers to fresh Assistance from France.

Fully sensible that in the present Situation of Affairs the Honor of His Majesty's Crown and the Security of the Empire demand the most active Exertions, and being firmly convinced of the Importance of the Objects for which we are contending, we declare our steadfast and unalterable Resolution to afford His Majesty all possible Support in the Prosecution of this most just and necessary War.

We thank your Excellency for having ordered the Public Accounts and Estimates to be laid before us, and your Excellency may rely on our making a Provision adequate to this arduous Conjunction, having an entire Confidence that what we shall grant with Cheerfulness will be applied with Integrity, Prudence, and Oeconomy.

It is a Subject of much Satisfaction to us that, owing to the happy and beneficial Manner in which the Interests of this Kingdom are blended with the general Prosperity of the Empire, this Country has, notwithstanding its internal Calamities, participated in the Effects of the growing Wealth and Commerce of Great Britain, and that our Revenues and Trade have increased.

Your Excellency may depend on our most studiously extending our Care to those great Sources of public Revenue and of public Strength, the Agriculture, Commerce, and Manufactures of the Country, particularly the Linen Manufacture, and to all the various Objects of internal Regulation which have usually shared our Attention. Attached also as we are to the general Cause of Religion, Learning, and Civilization, we shall not omit to afford our accustomed Protection to the Charter Schools, and other Charitable Institutions; and we shall not fail to provide farther Relief for those Persons who have suffered for their Loyalty during the Rebellion, and who have so just and honorable a Claim for our Aid and Countenance.

His Majesty may be assured that no Exertions shall be wanting on our Part to counteract that dar-