

leville, in the County of Cork, and for repealing the several Laws heretofore made relating to said Road.

An Act for amending an Act, passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for improving and repairing the Roads leading from the City of Dublin to Ratoath and Curragher, and for altering and amending an Act, passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for making, widening, and repairing the Road leading from the City of Dublin to Ratoath, and for erecting Turnpikes thereon in Aid of Barony Presentments.

An Act to explain and amend an Act, passed in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for improving and repairing the Turnpike Road leading from the City of Cork to the Brook which bounds the Counties of Cork and Tipperary near the Foot of Kilwarth Mountain, and for repealing the several Laws heretofore made relating to the said Road.

And One Private Act.

Then His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, which is as follows :

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I have received His Majesty's Commands to release you from your further Attendance in Parliament, in order that the various Parts of the Kingdom, which are still agitated by the Projects of the Disaffected, may reap the Advantage of your more immediate Vigilance and Protection.

I am at the same Time to thank you, in His Majesty's Name, for the continued and undiminished Zeal which you have manifested for counteracting the wicked Plots of internal Conspirators, and for the Defeat of every hostile Attempt which the Desperation of the Enemy may meditate.

The Situation of Affairs on the Continent has been materially improved in the Period which has elapsed since the Commencement of the Session. The signal Advantages already obtained by the Austrian Arms, and the vigorous and decisive Exertions on the Part of Russia, must be Subjects of great Joy and Congratulation to all who can estimate the Value of Established Order and Legitimate Government. I know the Pleasure you must derive from the consoling Prospect that Europe may be ultimately rescued from the ravaging Arms and the desolating Principles of France.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I thank you, in His Majesty's Name, for the large and extraordinary Supply which you have so honorably voted to meet every Wish of the Government, and every Exigency of the State. You must reflect with the highest Satisfaction on the liberal Co-operation which in every Moment of Difficulty you have experienced from the British Parliament; and I have the fullest Confidence that the public Spirit of this Country will not be found inferior to that of Great Britain, in submitting to such temporary Burthen as the Safety of the Community may require.

I sincerely regret that so extensive a Demand should be made upon your Liberality; but when no Measure has been left untried by the Malice of our

Enemies to fever this Kingdom from the British Empire, and to involve you in all the Horrors of Rebellion and Massacre, you have displayed true Wisdom in proportioning your Exertions to the Blessings you have to preserve, and the Miseries you have to avert.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I am to return you His Majesty's Acknowledgments for the many important Measures you have accomplished this Session. Your Liberality and Justice to those who have suffered from their Loyalty will confirm the Exertions of the Well-disposed; and your judicious Provisions for the Regulation of Paper Currency are calculated to preserve its Credit from Depreciation, without diminishing the necessary Circulation.

I am sensible of the Confidence which you have reposed in me, by enabling me to exercise the Powers of Martial Law in the Manner best adapted to the present Circumstances of the Country. It will be my Care to employ those Powers for the Purposes for which they were given; by taking the most effectual and summary Measures for the Suppression and Punishment of rebellious Proceedings, interfering as little as possible with the ordinary Administration of Justice among His Majesty's peaceable Subjects.

I have His Majesty's particular Commands to acquaint you, that a joint Address of the Two Houses of Parliament of Great Britain has been laid before His Majesty, accompanied by Resolutions proposing and recommending a complete and entire Union between Great Britain and Ireland, to be established by the mutual Consent of both Parliaments, founded on equal and liberal Principles, on the Similarity of Laws, Constitution, and Government, and on a Sense of mutual Interests and Affections. His Majesty will receive the greatest Satisfaction in witnessing the Accomplishment of a System which, by allaying the unhappy Distractions too long prevalent in Ireland, and by promoting the Security, Wealth, and Commerce of His respective Kingdoms, must afford them at all Times, and especially in the present Moment, the best Means of jointly opposing an effectual Resistance to the destructive Projects of Foreign and Domestic Enemies: And His Majesty, as the Common Father of His People, must look forward with earnest Anxiety to the Moment when, in conformity to the Sentiments, Wishes, and real Interest of His Subjects in Great Britain and Ireland, they may all be inseparably united in the full Enjoyment of the Blessings of a free Constitution, in the Support of the Honor and Dignity of His Majesty's Crown, and in the Preservation and Advancement of the Welfare and Prosperity of the whole British Empire.

I feel most sensibly the arduous Situation in which I am placed, and the Weight of the Trust which His Majesty has imposed upon me at this most important Crisis; but if I should be so fortunate as to contribute, in the smallest Degree, to the Success of this great Measure, I shall think the Labours and Anxieties of a Life devoted to the Service of my Country amply repaid; and shall retire with the conscious Satisfaction that I have had some Share in averting from His Majesty's Dominions those Dangers and Calamities which have overspread so large a Portion of Europe.