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THE following Address has been presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent; which His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

To His Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble Address of His Majesty's Catholic Subjects whose Names are hereunto subscribed, as well for themselves as others His Majesty's Subjects professing the Catholic Faith in Ireland.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

WE, the Roman Catholics of Ireland, compelled once more to approach Your Royal Highness, by an Administration which has impaired the Vigour and diminished the Lustre of the Crown in the Person of Your Royal Highness, beg Leave to express our unlimited Attachment and entire Devotion to Your Person and Government, our almost insuperable Reluctance thus again to entreat your Attention and Interposition, and our full and considerate Sense of the Delicacy and Difficulties of Your Royal Highness's Situation.

With Alarm and Dismay we have learned that a Bill now pending in Parliament, for the respective Transfer of the Militia Service of the Two Countries, contains no Provision whatever for the free Exercise of his Religion, on the Part of the Catholic Soldier, who, in the Event of such Bill passing into a Law, may be placed on the English Establishment; and we cannot sufficiently express our Fears at an Omission so portentous, and at the Consequences with which it seems to us so pregnant.

We beg Leave most respectfully to represent to Your Royal Highness, that this deliberate and publicly avowed Omission appears to us to aim an insidious, but perhaps not less mortal, Blow at the Freedom of religious Opinions, and of correspondent Worship, and that the Issue of a General Order as a Substitute can neither be received nor acknowledged as a fair Exchange or Equivalent for the Protection of Law, the Solemnity of an Act of Parliament, and the best Guards and Assurances of the British Constitution.

Your Royal Highness requires not to be informed

that the religious Security of the Catholic Soldier in his Native Land stands on the Basis of an Act of Parliament; that the Constitution of his Country is his Charter for the Independence of his Religion; that this Bill calls upon him to barter away that Charter for a general Order, revocable in its Nature, uncertain in its Duration, precarious in its Effect, and open to much discretionary Latitude of Interpretation; and that being placed by this Bill under the Controul of an Individual or Individuals, his Religion is exposed to the Whims of Caprice, the Influence of Prejudice, and the Intolerance of Bigotry. We cannot so far deceive ourselves as to consider this doubtful, this gratuitous Order as a Security; as the Law now stands it is illegal, and the Guarantee it offers is a Violation of the Constitution.

We most humbly entreat Your Royal Highness to consider, that did this Bill contain a distinct and specific Provision for the Freedom of religious Worship, still without a Clause for the Supply of Catholic Chaplains to the respective Militia Regiments, its Operation would be illusory and fallacious, and, under Colour of a Reality, present nothing but a Phantom.

We beg Leave further to submit, that the Interests of the State and those of the Service are intimately connected and identified with the Morality of the Soldier, and that to deprive him of his Religion, is to strike at its Existence.

Your Royal Highness is most humbly requested to observe, that the Adhesion of the Irish Catholic to the Faith and religious Forms of his Forefathers is, perhaps, the most prominent Feature in his marked and manly Character; that to play with his warmest Feelings, and strike at his dearest Sensibilities, is at all Times an Experiment of most ill-judged Policy; that when England's Contest is for National Existence, it is an Infatuation incomprehensible; and that the future Heroes of Talavera, Maida, and Barrofa are richly entitled, if not to British Gratitude, at least to British Consideration.

Under these our Feelings we most respectfully apply to the Wisdom, the Liberality, the Justice, the constitutional Principles, the Largeness of Your Royal Highness's Mind, for the Rights of our Consciences and the Independence of our Religion; we crave your Interposition and Protection, and we pray that the