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Foreign-Office, May 2, 1834.

IT has been notified by the Ottoman Government to His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, by a communication dated the 31st March 1834, that the Sublime Porte has given instructions for the establishment of a strict blockade of the island of Samos.

St. James's-Palace, May 1, 1834.

THE following joint Address of both Houses of Parliament was this day presented to His Majesty on the Throne:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in Parliament assembled, feel it our duty humbly to approach your Majesty's Throne, to record in the most solemn manner our fixed determination to maintain unimpaired and undisturbed the Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland, which we consider to be essential to the strength and stability of the empire, to the continuance of the connection between the two countries, and to the peace and security and happiness of all classes of your Majesty's subjects.

We feel this our determination to be as much justified by our views of the general interests of the State, as by our conviction that to no other portion of your Majesty's subjects is the maintenance of the Legislative Union more important than to the inhabitants of Ireland themselves.

We humbly represent to your Majesty, that the Imperial Parliament have taken the affairs of Ireland into their most serious consideration, and that

various salutary laws have been enacted since the Union, for the advancement of the most important interests of Ireland and of the empire at large.

In expressing to your Majesty our resolution to maintain the Legislative Union inviolate, we humbly beg leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall persevere in applying our best attention to the removal of all just causes of complaint, and to the promotion of all well considered measures of improvement.

*W. Courtenay, Dep. Cler. Parliamentor.
J. H. Ley, Cl. Dom. Com.*

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

" My Lords, and Gentlemen,

" IT is with the greatest satisfaction that I receive this solemn and united expression of the determination of both My Houses of Parliament to maintain unimpaired the Legislative Union of Great Britain and Ireland, which I entirely agree with you in considering as essential to the peace, integrity, and safety of the British empire.

" You may rely, therefore, on My discharging with fidelity and firmness the sacred duty which I owe to My subjects, in exerting the powers with which the Constitution has invested Me for their protection against attempts which, if successful, must inevitably produce a separation of My dominions.

" In thus expressing My concurrence in the determination which you have so justly taken, I look back with satisfaction to the salutary laws which, since the Union, have been passed for the advancement of the interests of Ireland; and I shall at all times be anxious to afford My best assistance in removing all just causes of complaint, and in sanctioning all well considered measures of improvement."