

terposition, and whom publick Credit had rendred proper Objects of your Attention: Yet the good Laws which have now received the Royal Assent, fully recompence so long an Attendance, and will be lasting Monuments of the Vigilance and Wisdom of this Parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am commanded to thank you in his Majesty's Name, for the Supplies you have granted to support the Establishment, and to discharge the Interest of the National Debt.

Your Endeavours to make those Supplies effectual, by Laws to prevent the infamous and destructive Practices of defrauding the Crown, and robbing the Publick, are strong and convincing Proofs of your unalterable Zeal for the Good of your Country, and his Majesty's Service.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Upon your Return into your several Countries, it will be highly incumbent on you, at a Time when all Europe is in Arms, to preserve the Peace and Safety of the Kingdom, by promoting a perfect Agreement and firm Union among Protestants, and by exerting yourselves to prevent and suppress all Designs against his Majesty's Government.

As I have always had the Interest of this Kingdom at Heart, it gives me a particular Pleasure to find that my Administration is agreeable to you; and I think my self happy, that on my Return to his Majesty's Royal Presence, I can justly represent his People of Ireland, as most dutiful, loyal, and affectionate Subjects.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by his Grace's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is his Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Will and Pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Fourth Day of June, to be then here held: And this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to the Fourth Day of June next.

To his Grace Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

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

May it please your Grace,

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, lay hold of this Opportunity, before the Conclusion of the Session, to express our sincere Thanks for the many good Bills which have, by your Grace's Influence, been procured, to the great Benefit and Advantage of this Kingdom. And at the same Time, we cannot, without Ingratitude, be unmindful of the universal Happiness which this Nation has enjoyed during the whole Course of your Grace's Administration.

We beg Leave to acknowledge the grateful Sense we bear in our Minds, of the Confidence your Grace has repos'd in our University, and of the many Instances you have given of that hereditary Virtue by which your Ancestors have been so eminently distinguished for their generous Encouragement of useful Learning and polite Literature.

The Splendor and great Dignity with which your Grace has supported the Government of this Kingdom, do likewise demand our just Acknowledgements. And as it is our Interest, so it is our Inclination, which urges us to hope that his Majesty's Subjects, whose Welfare and Prosperity his Majesty hath always esteemed his greatest Happiness, may long continue to reap the Benefits of so wise and prudent an Administration.

The Zeal with which this Kingdom has always distinguished itself for the Protestant Succession in the illustrious House of Hanover, cannot but be acceptable to a Person of your Grace's known Affection for his Majesty's Service and Government: We therefore depend upon your Grace's Goodness for representing us to his Majesty as most dutiful Subjects to the best of Kings.

To which Address his Grace was pleased to give this Answer, viz.

My Lords,

THE best Return I can make for this very obliging Address, will be to represent truly to his Majesty, your Duty and Affection to his sacred Person and Government.

The kind Manner in which you express your Sense of my Endeavours for the Service of the Kingdom, gives me the greater Pleasure, as I am confident that whatever may promote the Welfare of Ireland, cannot be more agreeable to your Lordships, than it will be to his Majesty.

To his Grace Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of Ireland.

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

May it please your Grace,

THE Period of this Session being at Hand, the Commons would be wanting to themselves, if they did not take this publick Opportunity of assuring your Grace, that your Administration has given them the highest Satisfaction.

To do good with Readiness, and with Reluctance to hear it mentioned, are Qualities usually found in the same Person; it would therefore be tedious to your Grace, were we to enumerate the many Instances of your tender Care and Regard for the Welfare of this Nation; however, it must not be passed over in Silence, that though this Session has been drawn into an unexpected Length, yet you have