

the Prosperity of his People of Ireland, by preparing any new Laws that may be wanting for the Good of the Publick, by amending those already in being, and by proposing any Regulations that may be thought advisable to increase and extend the Hempen and Linnen Manufactures of this Kingdom, and to make the Protection and Encouragement his Majesty is graciously inclined to give to the industrious Endeavours of his People, as extensive and effectual as his Majesty in his great Goodness desires it to be.

As your Grace's Administration has been a continued Series of wise and good Actions, by which you have manifested the most sincere Desire to render us a happy and flourishing People; so we promise your Grace, that we on our Parts will observe such a Conduct in all our Actions and Deliberations, as shall fully convince the World that we are really determined to be as happy a People, as his Majesty, by sending us such a chief Governour, intended to make us.

En. Sterne, Cler' Parliamentor'.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

I gives me very great Pleasure to find that my Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and for the Prosperity of this Kingdom, have continued to me the good Opinion of your Lordships, which I shall always highly value.

To his Grace William Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

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

May it please your Grace,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, do with the greatest Pleasure attend your Grace, to return our most hearty Thanks for your excellent Speech to both Houses of Parliament,

From many Instances we are truly sensible of his Majesty's paternal Regard for the Welfare of this Kingdom, and particularly in continuing the Administration in the Hands of your Grace, so much to the Satisfaction of his People, and giving us this Opportunity of meeting your Grace again in Parliament; and from the Experience we have had of your Grace's Wisdom and Abilities, we doubt not, that such Measures will be taken under your Grace's Administration, as will greatly conduce to his Majesty's Service, and to the Happiness and Prosperity of this Nation.

His Majesty's tender Concern for the Sufferings of his Subjects of this Kingdom in their late Distress, cannot fail to engage the Affections of his faithful Commons, and as it was principally owing to a general Want of wholesome Provisions, we shall seriously consider of proper Methods to prevent the like Calamity for the future, particularly by encouraging the Increase of Tillage.

We cannot sufficiently express our Gratitude and Satisfaction in his Majesty's great Goodness and your Grace's frugal Management, that no Increase has been made in the Charge of the Establishment during this War, in which his Majesty is necessarily engaged for the Protection of the Trade of all his Do-

minions; and we shall cheerfully enter into such Measures as shall be found necessary to provide for the national Debt, and to support his Majesty's Government with Honour, being assured, that under your Grace's prudent Administration, the Money raised will be applied for the Uses intended.

As the Laws now in being are found insufficient to stop the clandestine Running of Goods, we will use our best Endeavours to provide such Remedies as may protect the fair Trader, and prevent the Loss of any Part of the Duties granted for the publick Service.

We are most thankful for the immediate Directions given by your Grace for the providing Arms for the Militia, pursuant to the Address of the last Session of Parliament; and we are very sensible, that by Reason of the general Demand for Arms throughout all Europe, it hath not hitherto been practicable to provide the full Complement, and have no Doubt, but by your Grace's Care and Directions, what are still wanting will be provided with all Expedition for the arming his Majesty's Protestant Subjects of this Kingdom.

His Majesty's Commons beg Leave to repeat their grateful Sense of the Regard shewn by his Majesty for the Welfare of this Kingdom, in encouraging them to consider of what Laws may yet be wanting for the Good thereof; and in a particular Manner for his Royal Protection and Encouragement of the Hempen and Linnen Manufactures, the chief Support of this Nation.

Your Grace's Approbation of our former Proceedings must engage us to pursue such Measures as may best conduce to the publick Service.

Permit us to return our most grateful Thanks for the Assurances you have given us of the Continuance of your Grace's good Offices for the promoting the Interest and Welfare of this Kingdom; and we beg Leave to assure your Grace, that we are most desirous to give fresh Instances of the Satisfaction we have in your Grace's Administration, which we will endeavour to the utmost of our Power to make easy and honourable.

*Isaac Ambrose, and 3 Cler' Parl'
Byrdet Worthington, 3 Dqm' Com.*

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

I Return you my Thanks for this obliging Address: The Zeal you shew for his Majesty's Person and Government, lays me under the strongest Obligations to continue to do every thing in my Power to promote the Interest and Welfare of this Kingdom.

Whitehall, Oct. 13, 1741.

Whereas it has been represented to their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that on the 22d of September last, about Two o' Clock in the Morning, John Clarke, Servant to the Widow Blee, of St. Ann's Well, near the Town of Nottingham, was shot, and murdered near that Place by Persons unknown; in Order to the discovery and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Crime, their Excellencies are pleased to promise his Majesty's Pardon to any one of the Offenders (except the Person who actually shot the said Clarke) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

John Couraud.

And as a further Encouragement for the Discovery of the Person who committed the said Murder, the Corporation of Nottingham do hereby promise as a Reward, the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and Mundy Musters, of Colwick,