

Blessings we enjoy under his most auspicious Reign, and entirely devoted to his sacred Person and Government, and to the Succession established in his Royal House.

And that thereupon his Excellency was pleased to return the Answer following.

THE Approbation of my Conduct expressed by the House of Commons in this very obliging Address, gives me the truest Satisfaction, and will be a very powerful Incitement to me to exert my utmost Endeavours for the Service of this Kingdom.

I return you my sincerest Thanks for this fresh Testimony of your good Opinion, and desire you will be persuaded that I have nothing more at Heart than to desire the Continuance of it.

Dublin, April 9.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went this Day to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Ceremony, his Excellency sent for the Commons, and gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills.

An Act for continuing and amending several Laws heretofore made relating to his Majesty's Revenue, and for the more effectual preventing of Frauds in his Majesty's Customs and Excise.

An Act for allowing further Time to Persons in Offices or Employments to qualify themselves, pursuant to an Act, intitled, An Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery.

An Act for amending the several Acts for the better regulating of Juries.

An Act for reviving, continuing and amending several Temporary Statutes.

An Act for disappropriating Benefices belonging to Deans, Archdeacons, Dignitaries, and other Members of Cathedral Churches, and for appropriating others in their Stead, and also for the Removal of the Scites of ruined Cathedral Churches.

An Act to amend and make more effectual an Act passed in the fourth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intitled, An Act for vesting in his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, the several Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whereon the Barracks in this Kingdom are built, or building, or contracted for, and whereon Light-Houses are or shall be built, and for making reasonable Satisfaction to the several Owners and Proprietors for the same; and likewise for amending an Act made in the sixth Year of her late Majesty's Reign, intitled, An Act to prevent the Disorders that may happen by the marching of Soldiers, and for providing Carriages for the Baggage of Soldiers in their March.

An Act to amend and make more effectual an Act, intitled, An Act for better regulating Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, and for the more effectual quieting of Corporations, and securing the Right of Persons who have been or shall be elected into the Offices of Aldermen and Burgeesses within any Corporation of this Kingdom.

An Act for amending the Laws in Relation to Fines and common Recoveries, and for better securing the Rights of Purchasers under Sales made in pursuance of Decrees in the several Courts of Equity in this Kingdom.

An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Assaults, with Intent to commit Robbery.

An Act for repairing the Roads leading from the City of Cork through Mill-Street to Shanah-Mill in the County of Kerry, and from Shanah-Mill to Killarney, as also from Shanah-Mill, through Castle Island, to Listowell in the said County; and for laying an additional Toll at all Turnpikes in this Kingdom on all Carrs and Carriages, making use of any part of any Saplin or Trees as or for a Bow or Back-band, or making Use of any Saplins twisted into Gads, for Back-bands, Halters, Traces to draw by, or Gads commonly called long Gads.

And to eight private Bills.

And then his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, which is as follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Cannot put an End to this Session of Parliament, without expressing to you, in the strongest Terms, the just Sense I have, as well of your Duty and Loyalty to his Majesty, as of that remarkable Temper and Unanimity, which have distinguished all your Proceedings during the Course of it.

The several good Laws, to which I have given the Royal Assent, are at once Proofs of his Majesty's most gracious Attention to your Welfare, and of your Zeal for his Majesty's Service: And I cannot but be fully persuaded of their having their desired Effect, and proving a lasting Advantage to this Kingdom.

You will, I doubt not, carry the same Dispositions which have influenced your Deliberations here, into your respective Countries, and exert your utmost Endeavours to promote, both by your Example and Authority, a due Submission to the Laws, to preserve the publick Peace, and to discourage all Irreligion and Immorality.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am commanded by the King to return you Thanks for the Supplies, which you have so cheerfully granted for the Support of the Establishment.

The Confidence you have reposed in me with regard to the Barracks, is a fresh Proof of your Duty to the King: I have represented it in that Light to his Majesty, and do assure you, that my only Objects in the Execution, shall be those which you yourselves proposed, "the more convenient Reception of his Majesty's Forces, and the more effectual Security of this Kingdom."

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Approbation of my Endeavours for the publick Service, express'd in the Addresses of both Houses, has given me the most sensible Satisfaction, and deserves my sincerest Acknowledgements. I should act contrary to my own Conviction, if I did not represent the King's Subjects of Ireland to his Majesty as a most loyal and dutiful People, and to my own Inclinations, if I should not exert myself to the utmost,