

Dinner, to Hubertshurg, from whence they intend to go To-morrow to the Fair at Leipzig; but the Electoral Prince and Princess remain here, by Reason of the Princess's Pregnancy.

*Paris, May 11.* A Courier arrived here on the 8th Instant, with Letters from Marshal Richelieu, dated the 27th past, giving an Account, that Commodore Edgcumbe had sailed out of the Harbour of Mahon, with the Ships under his Command, and, it is supposed, that he is gone to meet Admiral Byngh. The Attack upon Fort St. Philip cannot have began till the 9th or 10th Instant, the Roads having been so spoilt by the English, that there is great Difficulty in bringing up the Cannon. Ten French Ships, of considerable Value, which had been seized by the English, and lay in the Harbour of Mahon, are retaken.

*Dublin, May 8.*

To his Grace William Duke of Devonshire, 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, humbly beg Leave, before the Close of the Session, to give your Grace this Testimony of our Esteem, and of our Gratitude for your just and prudent Conduct, during a long Residence amongst us, and amidst a Variety of important and interesting Matters of State.

At a Time so dangerous and critical as this, when an insolent and ambitious Neighbour threatens these Islands, and Temper and Spirit in Government are equally necessary; we cannot but applaud His Majesty's deep Discernment and peculiar Care for this Nation, in committing the Charge of it to your Grace, in whom we have found, by happy Experience, a rare Conjunction of Mildness with Resolution, and Activity directed by Wisdom.

The seasonable Provision for our Defence against a daring and desperate Enemy, the extensive Bounties for the Encouragement of Inland Commerce, the Zeal and Unanimity with which Publick Business hath been transacted, are clear and unquestionable Evidences of your Grace's Attention to the Security and true Interest of this Kingdom, and of the Reality of our entire Satisfaction and Confidence under your Administration.

As your Grace will very soon return to the Royal Presence, we have not the least Doubt of our appearing in a favourable Light to His Majesty from your Representation of us, as all your Actions are governed by Truth and Candour: And the Warmth of our Duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings, and of our Love for the Religion, Laws and Prosperity of our Country, cannot fail of being properly expressed by your Grace, since your own Heart will readily furnish you with the most lively Feelings to describe it by.

We shall esteem ourselves greatly favoured by His Majesty, (whom God long preserve) in the continuing of your Grace in the high Station which you now so eminently fill: For we are fully convinced, that your frequent Appearance in that Office will add new Lustre to the Reign of our Royal Sovereign; Stability to our Peace and Welfare, and Honour and Dignity to your

Grace's Government. A constant yet cheerful Application to the Publick Service, Principles unstained, and Virtue unaffected, in the Representative of Majesty, as they are Blessings to a Nation, which is under their Influence, so they must render an Administration easy and illustrious, and effectually secure to the Prince the Affections of a grateful, loyal and happy People.

*Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler<sup>r</sup> Parliamentor*

The Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

*I am greatly obliged to your Lordships for this very kind and affectionate Address: I am very happy to find, that my Endeavours for the Good of this Country have met with your Approbation; and I shall hope to deserve the Continuance of your good Opinion, by pursuing, to the utmost of my Power, every Measure that may tend to advance the true Interest of Ireland.*

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 the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, with great Cheerfulness return your Grace our unfeigned Thanks for your just and prudent Administration, and your constant Care for the Happiness and Prosperity of this Kingdom.

We have the strongest Sense of His Majesty's Wisdom and paternal Regard for the Welfare of this Country, in appointing a chief Governor to preside over us, so distinguished as your Grace for your zealous Attachment to His Royal House, and the true Interest of His People.

Your Grace's early Arrival here at a Time of uncommon Danger, and your unwearied Application to provide for the Defence and Security of this Nation, must leave lasting Impressions of Gratitude on the Hearts of all His Majesty's faithful Subjects.

The many good Laws, and in particular that for the Improvement of Tillage, and the great Encouragement to the Manufactures and Inland Navigation of this Kingdom, so happily thro' your Grace's Mediation obtained this Session of Parliament, must remain perpetual Monuments of the Weight and Spirit of your Administration, and fill us with the warmest Wishes for your Grace's long Continuance in the Government of this Kingdom.

From your Grace's well known and long experienced Candour, the Commons of Ireland rest assured, that, upon your Return to the Royal Presence, you will represent them to His Majesty as a grateful and loyal People, entirely devoted to His most Sacred Person, Royal Family and Government.

*F. Sterling, } Cler. Dom. Com.  
H. Alcock, }*

The Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

*I return the House of Commons my sincerest Thanks for this Honourable Testimony of their good Opinion of me. The Approbation which they express of my Conduct in this very obliging Address, gives me the truest Satisfaction; and they may be assured that the Interest and Prosperity of this Kingdom shall be the constant Objects of my Administration.*

*Dublin,*