

Protestant Dissenting Subjects of this Kingdom, to accept of and hold Commissions in the Militia, and to act in the Commission of Array.

And to two private Bills.

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

My Lords and Gentlemen,

YOUR grateful Duty to the King, and firm Attachment to the Interest of your Country, were never more conspicuous than in the Unanimity, with which, throughout this long Session of Parliament, you have assisted His Majesty's gracious Intentions for the Safety, Tranquillity, and Happiness, of His People of Ireland.

By strengthening His Majesty's Hands, you have, in the most prudent Manner, consulted the Preservation of all that can be dear to you, as Protestants, or Men: And the perfect Confidence, which you have so cheerfully reposed in His Majesty's Royal Care for your Security, is amply justified by your Knowledge of those just and gracious Principles, which direct the Counsels of a Sovereign, who hath uniformly made the Law, and the established Maxims of the Constitution, the Measure of His Government.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have received the King's Commands to return you Thanks for the Readiness and Zeal with which you have raised the necessary Supplies for the Support of the Establishment, and enabled His Majesty to provide for your Defence against every Danger Foreign and Domestic.

The extensive Provisions made for the farther Cultivation and Improvement of this Kingdom, are at once an authentick Proof of your unfeigned Regard to the Publick, and the paternal Goodness of His Majesty, whose chief Glory it is to be the indulgent Father of all His People.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The many wise and salutary Acts, calculated for the general Benefit and Advantage of the Kingdom, to which His Majesty has graciously been pleased to give His Royal Assent, will very happily distinguish this Session of the Parliament of Ireland.

It will be your Part, by your Authority and Example in your respective Countries, to enforce their punctual and vigorous Execution.

There never was a Time which so loudly called for the utmost Exertion of your Influence, to propagate a general Veneration for our excellent Constitution; to inspire the People with your own Sentiments of the Justice, Moderation and Benignity of the King's Government; to promote Industry, Peace, Sobriety, and good Order, and to encourage Harmony and Union amongst all His Majesty's faithful Subjects.

You may be assured that I will gladly lay before the King, in the truest and most favourable Light, the affectionate Loyalty with which both Houses of Parliament have concurred, for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown and Security of the Kingdom against any Attempt to deprive us of the inestimable Blessings we derive from His Majesty's auspicious Reign.

Your Approbation of my Conduct, so kindly expressed in your several Addressses, gives me the highest Satisfaction, and lays me under an additional Obligation to make the Welfare and Prosperity of Ireland the constant Object of my future Wishes and Endeavours.

Kensington, May 18.

The following Address of the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Caithness, has been presented to His Majesty by Colonel Scott, their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Hyndford, one of the Lords of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty;

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Caithness, North Britain, met at Wick the Twenty-first Day of April, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty six.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, truly sensible of the many inestimable Privileges and Blessings which we (in common with the rest of your People) enjoy under your Majesty's most mild and auspicious Government, and warm'd with a just Indignation at the insolent and daring Threats of France to invade your Majesty's Kingdoms with an arm'd Force, reckon ourselves bound by Interest, as well as Duty, to return our most unfeigned and hearty Thanks for your Majesty's paternal Goodness and Care, in taking the most proper Measures to disappoint the mischievous Designs of your Enemies, by a necessary Augmentation of your Naval and Land Forces, so as to enable your Majesty to assert the undoubted Rights of your People, against the violent and bare-faced Incroachments of France, as well as to maintain the Freedom of our happy Constitution at Home, and the Dignity and Independence of the Imperial Crown of these Realms: And we beg your Majesty may be graciously pleased to believe, that we shall (with great Zeal and Fidelity) be ever ready to support your Majesty, to the utmost of our Power, in the Prosecution of such truly Royal Purposes. We also beg Leave to take this Opportunity of publicly testifying our highest Approbation of the loyal and patriot Conduct of your Parliament, in their cheerful and ready Concurrence with your Majesty in the Measures concerted by your Wisdom, for attaining these salutary Ends.

That Heaven may long preserve your Majesty's Sacred Life as a lasting Blessing to your People, and crown all your just and royal Measures with Success, until a safe and honourable Peace be procured; and that a Race of Protestant Princes, of your Illustrious House, may sway the Sceptre of these Kingdoms to latest Posterity, is our most earnest and hearty Prayer.

This in Name, and by Appointment of the Meeting, is signed by George Sinclair, of Ulster, Esq; our Preses.

George Sinclair, Preses.