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To his Grace John Duke of Bedford, 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, beg Leave to congratulate with your Grace on the approaching Conclusion of this Session of Parliament, a Session eminently distinguished, through the weighty Influence of your Grace's Recommendation, by many signal Instances of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, and by many Laws of the highest Importance to the Welfare and Improvement of this Kingdom.

We justly considered the Appointment of your Grace to the Government of Ireland, as a most interesting Proof of His Majesty's paternal Goodness. The Principles and Virtues inherited by your Grace from your Illustrious Ancestors, had always been the Objects of our Reverence and Admiration, and the vigorous Exertion of those Virtues by your Grace in important Stations (equally to the Honour of the Crown and Advantage of the Publick) afforded us the most lively Presage of Happiness, in being committed to your Grace's Care.

Your Grace, on your first Entrance into the high Office you now adorn, confirmed our warmest Hopes, and by your generous Attention to our Distresses in the late Scarcity, deservedly endeared yourself to a relieved and thankful People.

They have since seen the whole Tenor of your Grace's Conduct, animated by the same noble Principle of Benevolence and Publick Spirit, and thankfully acknowledge, that the Publick Tranquillity and Happiness have been the great and constant Object of your Attention and Care, through the whole Course of your wise and mild Administration.

With the most respectful and affectionate Gratitude, they therefore regard your Grace as the worthy Representative of His Majesty, the gracious and equal Father of all His People, and from His long and experienced Goodness, flatter themselves His Majesty will graciously indulge their unanimous and ardent Wishes, by continuing your Grace to preside over us.

We beg Leave to assure your Grace that we heartily concur with the general Wishes of the Kingdom, and that we will zealously endeavour to promote that good Temper and Harmony, which your Grace's Justice and Prudence have happily established amongst us; that upon your Return to this Kingdom your Grace may find us (what we ever ought to be) a People united in Affection, as we are in Interest and Duty, and unanimously determined to make your Grace's Administration as easy and honourable to Grace as it hath been, and we are assured ever will be beneficial and satisfactory to the Publick.

We rely with perfect Confidence on that Candour which is inherent in your Grace, and which adds Lustre to your brightest and most amiable Actions, that, on your Grace's Return into the Royal Presence, we shall be represented to His Majesty, as His loyal, dutiful, and grateful Subjects, firmly attached to the Support of His Royal Person and Family, affectionately sollicitous for the long Continuance of His precious Life, and warmly zealous for the Honour and Dignity of His Crown, the Success of His Arms, and the lasting Glory and Felicity of His most auspicious Reign.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler^t Parliamentor^t

The Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

I Think myself extremely obliged to the House of Lords for this very affectionate Address. The Good of His Majesty's Service, the true Interest of Ireland, and the promoting Harmony and Union, have been the only Objects of my Administration, and the Approbation of my Conduct, so kindly expressed by the House of Lords, gives me the most sincere Satisfaction.

To his Grace John Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland,

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

May it please your Grace,

WE the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, think ourselves called upon, as dutiful and affectionate Subjects to His Majesty, and as Representatives of the People, to congratulate with your Grace on the approaching happy Conclusion of this Session of Parliament, and to acknowledge, that we owe it to your Grace's prudent, just, and mild Administration.

The eminent Merits of your Illustrious Ancestors; your Grace's own Abilities, shewn in Employments of the greatest Trust and Difficulty; your steady Attachment to the King, and to the Constitution; and that Integrity and Humanity, the Supports of your publick, and the Ornaments of your private Character, had long been the Objects of our Esteem and Admiration. And the early Instance of Your Grace's generous and compassionate Relief to the Distresses of this Kingdom, raised in us the justest Expectations of seeing those useful Virtues exercised in promoting the general Good of the People committed to Your Care. But we must confess, that our warmest Hopes have been exceeded. The several excellent and salutary Bills, which, by His Majesty's unparalleled Goodness, have been returned to us, and are now passed, or are ready to be passed into Laws, are the most affecting Proofs, and will remain lasting Monuments of your Grace's sincere and effectual Interposition in our Favour.

These Benefits are not confined to this Time only, they will descend to our latest Posterity; and by them, as well as by us, your Grace's Name will ever be remembered with peculiar and distinguished Gratitude.

Our Knowledge of your Grace's Justice and Candour gives us the fullest Confidence, that, on your Return to the Royal Presence, you will assure His Majesty of our inviolable Duty and Loyalty; and that we, and those whom we represent, are truly sensible of the inestimable Blessings we enjoy under His most auspicious Reign, and are ready, upon all Occasions, to exert our utmost Strength in the Defence, and in the Support of His Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, upon the Preservation of which, and of the Succession to the Crown in His Royal House, our Prosperity, our Safety, and our very Being in this Kingdom, entirely depend.

We cannot omit returning our sincere Thanks to your Grace, for your unwearied, and, we hope, successful Endeavours, to promote that Harmony amongst us, which is so essential to the Good of His Majesty's Service, and to the Welfare of the Country. It shall be our constant Care, as much as lies in us, to strengthen and to perfect the Work, which your Grace has so happily begun: But that it may be effectually compleated, your Grace will be pleased to accept our earnest Wish, that you may return to take the Government of this Kingdom upon you; and