

His Majesty's Revenue, and for preventing Frauds therein, and for repealing an Act made the last Session of Parliament, intituled, 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, and the several Acts and Statutes which are mentioned in the said Act, and continued thereby.

An Act for repealing an Act passed in this Kingdom in the Eighth Year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled, An Act for the better securing the Payment of Bankers Notes; and for providing a more effectual Remedy for the Security and Payment of Debts due by Bankers.

An Act for amending an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for making a wide and convenient Way, Street and Passage, from Essex Bridge to the Castle of Dublin, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and also for amending another Act, passed the same Year, for Widening and Repairing or Rebuilding Baals Bridge in the City of Limerick.

An Act for the better regulating the Corporation of the City of Dublin, and for extending the Power of the Magistrates thereof, and for other Purposes relative to the said City.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act for the more effectual Enlightening of the City of Dublin, and the Liberties thereof; and for the Erecting of Publick Lights in the other Cities, Towns Corporate and Market Towns in this Kingdom.

And to four 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,

THE Business of the Session, being now over, and the Season of the Year requiring your Attendance in your respective Counties, I trust your participating at Home with your Neighbours and Constituents, the several good Laws, which have passed this Session, will not only be agreeable to yourselves, but productive of the greatest Good, as they will be carried into Execution under your own Inspection, and the People be taught to honor and reverence them, by your Example.

The greatest Happiness and Prosperity, a free Nation can enjoy, is only attainable, by a thorough Submission to the Laws, and a Veneration for them, which this Nation, jointly with Great Britain, ought most peculiarly to have, as the Laws by which they are governed have been framed by the joint Consent of the whole Body of the Kingdom. Let me then in the most earnest Manner recommend to you this undoubted Truth, that Ireland will ever flourish in Proportion to the due Execution of the Laws, in every Part of the Kingdom. By this, Trade will flourish, Manufactures increase, and rise to Perfection, Agriculture and Plantation, and every kind of Improvement, be carried to its full Extent, and Peace and Plenty be established over the whole Island. By this likewise, Violence and Oppression will cease every where, and Riot and Tumult be heard of no more.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The great Zeal and Readiness you have shewed, in strengthening His Majesty's Hands, by the extraordinary Supplies you have granted, for the necessary Defence of this Kingdom, is looked upon by His Majesty as a still farther Instance of your Attachment to His Royal Person and Government, of which you had given so many former Proofs; and I have it in command from His Majesty to thank you for this fresh Instance of your Zeal for His Service and that of your Country.

The Care you have taken for establishing publick Credit upon a firm and solid Basis, will I flatter myself answer the End proposed, and effect that Circulation so necessary for carrying on the Commerce of this Country.

The particular Confidence you have placed in my Frugality and Oeconomy in the expending the publick Money, demands my most grateful Acknow-

ledgments, and you may depend on my utmost Care not to forfeit your good Opinion of me.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Appearances in the Beginning of the last Winter, very soon after my first meeting you here, of Invasions in different Parts of this Kingdom, were so strong, that His Majesty was pleased in His great Wisdom, to order me to communicate to His Parliament, the Intelligences He had received, not doubting to find that Warmth and Unanimity in His Parliament and Subjects of Ireland which they have since universally shewn, and which has been most grateful to His Majesty. And I have farther in command to add, that after, by the Blessing of God on His Majesty's Arms, and through the Vigilance and Bravery of His Fleet, the great Plan of Invasion was defeated, and only a very small Dilembarkation of French Troops was effected in the North of this Kingdom, the Spirit of His Subjects in those Parts was so effectually applied, as to prevent any considerable Damage to be done by them, till the regular Troops, which were at a Distance, could be brought up, whereby the Enemy was intimidated from advancing beyond the Walls of Carrickfergus; this His Majesty sees with great Pleasure, and approves the Spirit exerted on that Occasion.

It will be my Duty as well as a great Satisfaction to me, to represent to the King, upon my Return into His Royal Presence, the good Affections of His Subjects of this Kingdom.

After which the Lord Chancellor by His Grace's Command said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is His Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Wednesday the Sixteenth Day of July next, to be then here held: And this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the Sixteenth Day of July next.

Dublin, May 20.

This Day his Grace the Lord Primate of all Ireland, the Right Hon. Henry Earl of Shannon, and the Right Hon. John Ponsonby, Esq; Speaker of the House of Commons, were sworn in Council Lords Justices of this Kingdom, in the Absence of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant.

Dublin, May 20.

Yesterday Morning at Eleven o'Clock, his Grace the Duke of Bedford set out from the Castle upon his Return to England, and proceeded directly to Dunleary, from whence he embarked about One on board His Majesty's Yacht the Dorset; which immediately set Sail for Parkgate, under Convoy of His Majesty's Ship the Surprise. Before his Grace left the Castle, there was a very numerous Levee of the Principal Nobility and Gentry, to wish him a safe Voyage, and happy Return to this Kingdom, who attended his Grace to Dunleary in their Coaches and Six; and upon his Departure, his Grace was saluted by a Discharge of the Ordnance in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix.

Her Grace the Dutchess of Bedford, Lady Caroline Ruffel, the Right Hon. Richard Rigby, Chief Secretary to his Grace, and several other Persons of Distinction, embarked on Board the Yacht at the same Time.

Kensington, May 27.

The following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please Your Majesty,

YOUR Majesty's most Gracious Letter was received with that respectful Gratitude, which, as loyal Subjects, we owe to the best of Kings.

For the High Honour thereby conferred upon us, and by Your Majesty's concurring in our present Meeting, and countenancing the same with Your Royal Authority and Approbation, we beg Leave to return our most sincere and humble Thanks. The

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