

Parliament assembled, with all Humility beg Leave to condole with your Majesty, on the Death of your Royal Grandfather, our late most Gracious Sovereign, at a Time when the Welfare of Europe seemed to depend on the Continuance of his Life.

So severe and afflicting a loss must necessarily affect our Hearts with the deepest Sorrow; but we cannot sufficiently acknowledge the Divine Goodness, in having given us a Prince of such exalted Virtues, not only to succeed to the Throne, (your legal Inheritance) but to the Affection and Confidence of your Subjects, as unbounded as the greatest of your Predecessors have ever enjoyed them, and so fully to repair the Loss we should have otherwise have sustained by the Death of so excellent a Prince.

The Commencement of this Parliament with the Accession of a King, bred under the Influence, and formed by the Example of a Prince, who uniformly tempered Prerogative with the Law, and whose Glory it was, in the Exercise of his Power, to protect the Rights and Liberties of his People, affords us Matter of the highest Joy and Satisfaction.

We cannot entertain too grateful a Sense of your Majesty's Goodness in the Assurances you have given us, that your Subjects of this Kingdom are fully and in every Respect comprehended in your Majesty's most gracious Declaration, that the Preservation of the Constitution in Church and State, and the enforcing a due Obedience to the Laws, not more necessary to your own Authority than the Good of the People, shall be the first and constant Object of your Care.

The wise Choice your Majesty has made of a Royal Consort, eminent for her personal Virtues and Endowments, displays, in the clearest Light, your paternal Care not only to preserve, but to transmit to Posterity, the Blessings of your Reign, Liberty, and pure Religion.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that, animated as we are with the warmest Sentiments which Gratitude and Loyalty can inspire, we shall exert ourselves to carry on the Business of the present Sessions in such Manner, as that it may be distinguished by its uninterrupted Harmony and effective Zeal for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown; which Dispositions we consider as the surest Means, under your Majesty's paternal Influence, of making us an happy, and establishing us an opulent, and flourishing People.

We have the most grateful Sense of your Majesty's tender Care and Concern for this Kingdom, in having appointed his Excellency the Earl of Halifax our chief Governor, whose distinguished Merit and approved Abilities in the high Station which he filled, give us the fullest Assurance that he will exert himself in promoting the Happiness, and preserving the Tranquility of this Kingdom.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that, sensible as we are of the many Blessings we now enjoy, and have derived from your wise and gracious Administration, and that of the Princes of your Royal House, and most grateful for their strict and uniform Attention to the Preservation of our Laws and Liberties, we shall endeavour to make the fullest Returns of the most affectionate Duty and inviolable Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, and shall not cease to implore the Divine Providence for the long Continuance, the Glory and Happiness of your Majesty's Reign.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

I Will forthwith transmit this dutiful and affectionate Address, to be laid before His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

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

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to approach your Sacred Person, with Hearts deeply affected for

the Loss of our late most excellent Sovereign, whose just and glorious Reign must ever make his Memory dear to a grateful People.

This great, this national Loss, could not be repaired, nor our Grief alleviated, but by your Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors. The early Virtues which have distinguished your Majesty, and universally procured the Duty, Confidence, and Affection of your Subjects, give us the firmest Assurance of future Happiness, under the Government of a Prince, who, inheriting the Virtues, as well as the Dominions of the best of Kings, makes it His Glory, in the Exercise of His Power, to protect the Rights and Liberties of His People, and lays the Foundation of His own Greatness in the Happiness and Affection of His Subjects.

The tender and affectionate Concern which your Majesty has been pleased to express for our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and your most gracious Declaration, that the Preservation of the Constitution in Church and State, shall be the first and constant Object of your Care, require our most particular and unfeigned Acknowledgments, and are the most convincing Proofs that your Majesty esteems it the most glorious Title of Royalty, to be the common Father of your People.

Your Majesty's wise Choice of a Royal Consort, so eminent for her personal Virtues and Endowments, and descended from an House so illustrious for its invariable Zeal for the Protestant Cause, displays, in the clearest Light, your paternal Care, and gives us the surest Hopes, under God, that this Alliance will transmit, unimpaired, to our Posterity, those most valuable Blessings, Liberty and pure Religion.

We beg Leave to express our most hearty Thanks for your Majesty's great Tenderness for your Subjects of Ireland, manifested in so considerable a Saving, as has been made on a Vote of Credit, given by the Commons in the last Session of the late Parliament.

Permit us further to assure your Majesty of our warmest Gratitude for your paternal Care of this Country, in sending his Excellency the Earl of Halifax to be our chief Governor; a most convincing Proof of your Majesty's being solicitous that we should regulate and improve, which will of course extend, our Trade; and that there should be introduced amongst us, Arts and Sciences most beneficial to Society.

These many and eminent Instances of your Majesty's fixed Attention to our Happiness, must meet with the warmest Return of Affection and Duty, from Subjects not more distinguished by their Regard for the Welfare of their Country, than by their inviolable Loyalty and Gratitude to those Sovereigns from whom they derive their Prosperity and Protection. And we do assure your Majesty, that your faithful Commons will, with the greatest Cheerfulness, and most uninterrupted Harmony, concur in every Measure that may contribute to the maintaining of your just Prerogative, and the Glory of your Reign, which we wish may be long over us; and that we will in all our Deliberations, exert the most effective Zeal for the Support of the Authority and Dignity of your Majesty's Crown and Government.

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

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

I Will forthwith transmit this dutiful and loyal Address to be laid before His Majesty.

To his Excellency George Dunk Earl of Halifax, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland,

The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Excellency,

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, return your Excellency our most humble Thanks for your Speech from the Throne, to both Houses of Parliament.

With Hearts full of Loyalty and Gratitude to His Majesty, we acknowledge it, as a Signal Instance of