

His Majesty's Royal Attention and Favour to this Kingdom; that he has been graciously pleased to commit the Government of it to your Excellency's Care.

Your Excellency's distinguished Abilities; your extensive Knowledge, and great Experience, in the Commercial Interests of Great Britain; and the Wisdom and Vigour, with which (under your Excellency's Direction, in your former important Station) those most valuable Interests, have been supported, extended, and secured, justly intitled your Excellency to every Mark of Respect and Gratitude, from all, who then had the Happiness of being under your immediate Protection.

Those eminent Services, so honourably attested by such as were best qualified to judge of the Merit, and were Principal Shareers in the Benefit of them, could not be unknown to His Majesty's faithful Subjects of Ireland; nor fail to inspire them with a particular Veneration for your Excellency's exalted Character.

But high as the Opinion was, which we had before conceived of your Excellency, permit us, My Lord, to say, it is now not only confirmed, but improved. The great Attention and Candour with which you have enquired into and considered the State of this Kingdom, and the Readiness and Solicitude you have so kindly expressed, to promote the publick Welfare, by your Authority, your Credit, and your Experience, gives us a firm Assurance, that the greatest National Benefits will result from the Wisdom of your Excellency's Administration.

The Improvement of our natural Advantages, the Encouragement of Agriculture, and the Extending of our Manufactures and Commerce, are so judiciously and earnestly recommended by your Excellency, and the Utility and Importance of the Protestant Charter Schools, are placed before us in so strong a Light, that we shall be, to the last Degree, wanting both to our Duty and Interest, if we do not fix our most serious Attention upon these great Objects, and avail ourselves of your Excellency's Assistance, to establish us, under His Majesty's paternal Influence, an Opulent, Flourishing, Protestant People.

To propose, to recommend, to facilitate the Means of Publick Happiness, is a Conduct most worthy of your Excellency, which, by thus pursuing the Intention, cannot fail to merit the Approbation of His Majesty, at the same Time that it effectually engages the unbounded Respect, the Affections, the Hearts of all His People.

On our Part, animated with the warmest Sentiments of Loyalty and Gratitude to our Sovereign, and of Zeal for the Prosperity of our Country, we have nothing more at Heart, than to approve ourselves to your Excellency, His Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, truly sensible of the Blessings we enjoy, and careful to promote and extend, to the utmost of our Power, the same just Sentiments, amongst all our Fellow-Subjects.

In our Proceedings in Parliament, the Reality of these Principles will be demonstrated by the Harmony of our Deliberations, and a cheerful Concurrence in every Measure which can tend to the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown, the Preservation of the Constitution of this Kingdom, and the Ease and Success of your Excellency's Administration.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

I Am, highly sensible of the Honour your Lordships have done me, by your kind and affectionate Address. To deserve the favourable Opinion you are so good as to entertain of me, will be the constant Object of my Ambition and my Care; and I am fully satisfied, I can never so effectually recommend myself to you, as by a faithful Execution of His Majesty's Commands, and a diligent Attention to the Welfare and Prosperity of this Kingdom.

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

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

May it please your Excellency,

WHEN His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your most excellent Speech from the Throne; and we beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that the Commons of this Kingdom never met, with clearer Intentions, or a more sincere Desire to support the favourable Opinion which your Excellency has most justly conceived of the Parliaments of this Kingdom; and to manifest their most earnest and unanimous Wishes for the Support of His Majesty's Government, and your Excellency's Administration.

We persuade ourselves, that during your Excellency's Residence amongst us, from your great and extensive Knowledge and Experience, your sincere Desire to encourage, regulate and improve the commercial Affairs of this Kingdom, and your great Zeal to protect the Established Religion of our Country, you will be entitled to the just Reward of an easy and happy Government, which we are thoroughly convinced will not be prevented either by publick Heats or private Animosities.

We shall grant the necessary Supplies with the greater Cheerfulness, as we are fully persuaded, that no Economy will be wanting in the Application of them for the Service of the Publick.

The inexpressible Loss which these Nations have sustained, by the Demise of our late most gracious Sovereign, though it most severely afflicted us, has been repaired by the Accession of His Majesty to the Crown of these Realms; whose Wisdom in the Government of these Kingdoms, and in the happy Choice of a Consort so eminently distinguished for every Virtue and Accomplishment, must make all the rest of Europe envy our Happiness; of the Continuance of which, we are so fully assured, by His Majesty's early and most gracious Declaration to all His Subjects.

We see, with equal Pleasure and Admiration, the arduous and important Situation in which your Excellency is placed; and we cannot sufficiently express our just Sense of your Excellency's noble Intentions for our Service, when you inform us of your invariable Purposes of maintaining His Majesty's Honour, and promoting His Service, while you cannot lose Sight of those desirable Objects, the forwarding the Prosperity, and preserving the Constitution of this Kingdom; in which you may be assured of the heartiest Concurrence of the Commons, as we must ever look upon the Honour and Service of the Crown, and the true Interest and Happiness of the People, as mutual and inseparable.

We beg Leave to make our most grateful Acknowledgments to your Excellency for your affectionate Wish; that the Interests of both Kingdoms may be as thoroughly understood, as they are inseparably connected: A Connection, which we consider as the most valuable and honourable to this Kingdom, and which it is strongly our Inclination, as it is clearly our Interest, to maintain.

Your Excellency's kind Assurances from the Throne leave us no Room to doubt, that every Thing that ought or can be done to promote the Welfare of this Kingdom, will be thoroughly accomplished under your Administration; which Blessing we hope His Majesty will long continue to us: And we hope our Conduct will be such, as may enable your Excellency, upon your Return into the Royal Presence, truly to represent to His Majesty the Zeal and Unanimity of His Subjects in this Kingdom; as we are persuaded your Excellency cannot fail to be fully possessed of the Confidence, Affections, and Hearts, of the People of Ireland.

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