

sincere Congratulations on the near and pleasing Prospect of the Conclusion of our Session, distinguished through every Period by visible Marks of your Excellency's Wisdom and Steadiness, your Moderation and Integrity.

Our Conduct, we hope, has been answerable to the repeated Assurances, given by this House, of our inviolable Fidelity to His Majesty, and Zeal for the Support of His Government: And although we have used our best Endeavours to be faithful and active in the Discharge of our Trust to His Majesty and to our Country; yet we are sensible how ineffectual those Endeavours must have been, had we not been encouraged and assisted by your Excellency's Influence, and, by your Prudence, conducted to the Ends we wished to attain.

Our early and full Conviction, that the Honour and Dignity of His Majesty's Crown, and the Happiness of His Subjects, were the real and only Objects of your Excellency's disinterested Administration, gave Spirit and Vigour to our Consultations: And in prosecuting the necessary Work of correcting those Disorders, which threatened Ruin to our Country, we can perceive how strong an Impression has been already made upon the Minds of Men, by the strict Impartiality in the Distribution of publick Justice, by the tender Regard and unbounded Liberality to private Objects of Compassion, and by the regular Exercise of the many Virtues so eminent in your Excellency's Character: So that we are pleased more than surprized, to see a general Disposition among the People to submit to the Laws, and to pay a cheerful and respectful Obedience to a Government, from which they derive equal Protection, and continual Comforts and Advantages.

Your Excellency's judicious and provident Attention to the Objects of National Business, to the general Interests of our Commerce and Manufactures, and to the internal Regulation of the Kingdom, has been manifested by the Return of the many good Bills soon to be presented to your Excellency for the Royal Assent: And we are thoroughly sensible of the happy Effects of your Excellency's Interposition upon these Occasions; and are truly thankful to his Majesty for those Proofs of His gracious Dispositions to promote our Welfare and Prosperity.

We can have no Doubt that your Excellency, on your Return to the Royal Presence, will represent our dutiful Devotion to His Majesty; and our affectionate Attachment to His Royal Person, Family, and Government, in the fairest and most advantageous Light. This Office of Favour, we are assured will be faithfully and fully performed by your Excellency, from your Regard to Truth and Justice, and from your Attention to the Good of this Kingdom.

But, as we cannot have equal Confidence that your Excellency in your Representations, will do the same Justice to your own singular Merits both with the Crown and People, we must beg Leave to use this Occasion of giving our most sincere and public Testimony, That His Majesty's Rights and Royal Dignity have been maintained by your Excellency with unshaken Firmness and Fidelity: That the Boundaries of the Constitution have, in every Relation, been preserved with peculiar Exactness; and that the Authority of His Majesty's Government has been so conducted by your Excellency, as to be established, not by the Acquiescence only, but by the Opinion and Voice of the People.

As an Administration founded upon such Principles, and so happily carried on, has produced general Satisfaction, and must be attended with substantial and lasting Benefit to the inseparable Interests of the Crown and the Subject; we entertain the most sanguine Hopes, that His Majesty, from His experienced Wisdom and Goodness, will indulge the Wishes of a

People, thus affectionately devoted to him: And that His Majesty will be pleased to continue to them a Chief Governor, by whom every valuable End of His Royal Government, and every gracious Purpose of His beneficent Heart is so effectually answered: and whose Administration has been the happy Æra of private, as well as publick Tranquility.

To which Address his Excellency was pleased to return the Answer following.

*YOUR* kind Approbation, and most honourable Testimony, of my Conduct, so fully and so obligingly expressed in this Address, is a most satisfactory Reward for my past, and will be a very powerful Incitement to my future Endeavours to promote the Welfare of Ireland.

*If I had been as successful as I have been sincere and earnest in these Endeavours, I could not have thought myself intitled to such a Return.*

*Truth and Justice will oblige me to represent your Behaviour and Dispositions in the most favourable Light to His Majesty; and Gratitude will engage me to pursue every possible Method of cultivating and preserving your Esteem and good Opinion.*

Dublin Castle, May 12.

This Day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Ceremony, his Excellency sent for the Commons, and gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills.

*An Act for allowing further Time to Persons, in Offices or Employments, to qualify themselves pursuant to an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery.*

*An Act for Licencing Hawkers and Pedlars; and for Encouragement of English Protestant Schools.*

*An Act for discharging, without Fees, Persons who shall be acquitted of Offences for which they are or shall be indicted, and for making a Compensation to Sheriffs, Goulers, Clerks of the Crown, and Clerks of the Peace, for such Fees.*

*An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making the River Lagan navigable, and opening a Passage by Water between Lough Neagh and the Town of Belfast in the County of Antrim.*

*An Act for regulating the Proceedings of Grand Juries in the preparing and forming of Presentments for the Levying of Money.*

*An Act for amending an Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Parish Witches, and amending the Highways in this Kingdom; and for preventing the Misapplication of Public Money.*

*An Act for explaining an Act, intituled, An Act for better supplying the City of Dublin with Corn and Flour, and also an Act, intituled, An Act for amending an Act, intituled, An Act for better supplying the City of Dublin with Corn and Flour.*

*An Act for the more effectual carrying into Execution an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of the Creditors of the Bank lately kept by John Wilcocks and John Dawson, and of the Creditors of the Bank lately kept by Joseph Fade and John Wilcocks, and of the Bank lately kept by Joseph Fade, Isaac Wilcocks, and John Wilcocks, and of the Creditors of the Bank lately kept by Joseph Fade, and for raising out of the Estates real and personal of Richard Brower, late the Cash Keeper of the said John Wilcocks and John Dawson, the Sum due by the said Richard Brower to the said John Wilcocks and John Dawson.*

*An Act for altering and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending an Act, intituled, An Act for Encouragement of Tillage, and better Employment of the*

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