

the Close of a Session, which must ever reflect the highest Honor on the National Character of both Kingdoms.

It must be a most pleasing Consideration to you to recollect, that in the Advances you made towards the Settlement of your Constitution, no Acts of Violence or Impatience have marked their Progress. A religious Adherence to the Laws confined your Endeavours within the strictest Bounds of Loyalty and Good Order. Your Claims were directed by the same Spirit that gave Rise and Stability to the Liberties of Great Britain, and could not fail of Success, as soon as the Councils of that Kingdom were influenced by the avowed Friends of the Constitution.

Such a Spirit of Constitutional Liberty, communicating itself from one Kingdom to the other, must naturally produce that reciprocal Confidence and mutual Affection, of which we already begin to feel the most salutary Effects. A grateful Zeal and generous Ardor have united this whole Kingdom in the most cordial and vigorous Exertions, which promise effectually to frustrate the Designs of our Common Enemy, and to re-establish and secure the Glory of the whole Empire.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

When I consider the very active and liberal Part you have taken in contributing to these great and glorious Events, I must as distinctly express to you His Majesty's Sense of the last Effusion of your Generosity for the Defence of the Empire, as I must return you His gracious Thanks for the Supplies which you so cheerfully voted at the Beginning of this Session. His Majesty's Royal Example not only secures to you a most just and economical Application of the Aids you have granted Him, but affords you a most solemn Pledge of attentive Investigation into every Means which the Circumstances of this Country will afford, to alleviate the Burdens of His loyal and grateful People. To co-operate with you in carrying into Effect this most benevolent Disposition of His Majesty will afford me the highest Gratification, and manifest to you the Sentiments I shall ever entertain, in Return for the Confidence you have reposed in the Sincerity of my Professions for your Welfare.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

In contemplating the Services which your unremitting Assiduity has rendered to the Public, I must indulge myself in the Satisfaction of specifying some very important Acts, which will most materially strengthen the great Constitutional Reform you have completed, and which will for ever distinguish the Period of this memorable Session. You have provided for the impartial and unbiassed Administration of Justice, by the Act for securing the Independence of Judges; you have adopted one of the most effectual Securities of British Freedom, by limiting the Mutiny Act in Point of Duration; you have secured that most invaluable of all human Blessings, the personal Liberty of the Subject, by passing the Habeas Corpus Act; you have cherished and enlarged the wise Principles of Toleration, and made considerable Advances in abolishing those Distinctions which have too long impeded the Progress of Industry, and divided the Nation. The Diligence and Ardour, with which you have persevered in the Accomplishment of these great Objects, must ever bear the most honourable Testimony to your Zeal and Industry in the Service of your Country, and manifest your Knowledge in its true Interests.

Many and great National Objects must present themselves to your Consideration, during the recesses from Parliamentary Business; but what I would most earnestly press upon you, as that on which

your domestic Peace and Happiness, and the Prosperity of the Empire, at this Moment most immediately depend, is to cultivate and diffuse those Sentiments of Affection and Confidence, which are now happily restored between the Two Kingdoms. Convince the People in your several Districts, as you are yourselves convinced, that every Cause of past Jealousies and Discontents is finally removed, that both Countries have pledged their good Faith to each other, and that their best Security will be an inviolable Adherence to that Compact; that the implicit Reliance which Great Britain has reposed on the Honor, Generosity and Candor of Ireland, engages your National Character to a Return of Sentiments equally liberal and enlarged; convince them, that the Two Kingdoms are now One, indissolubly connected in Unity of Constitution, and Unity of Interests; that the Danger and Security, the Prosperity and Calamity, of the One, must equally affect the other; that they stand and fall together.

To his Grace William Henry Cavendish, Duke of Portland, 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, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to congratulate your Grace on the approaching Conclusion of a Session of Parliament, which has not been more beneficial to this Country than honourable to your Grace.

At the Close of this Session we shall have seen, under your Grace's Administration, the Judges rendered independent of the Crown in Point of Tenure; the Law for the Punishment of Mutiny and Desertion abridged in Duration, and become a Security and Vindication of the Constitution; the Jurisdiction of the hereditary Judges of the Land restored; the unconstitutional Mode of passing Laws, which was heretofore exercised in this Country, reformed; and the sole and exclusive Right of Legislation, external as well as internal, in the Irish Parliament, firmly asserted on the Part of Ireland, and unequivocally acknowledged on the Part of Great Britain.

We have seen this great National Arrangement established on a Basis which secures the Tranquillity of Ireland, and unites the Affections as well as Interests of both Kingdoms: And when we consider how long we had been labouring for these great and important Objects, and that they have been accomplished in the short Period of your Grace's Administration, we should be wanting in Justice to your Grace if we did not acknowledge your Virtue.

Your Grace will have the consummate Satisfaction of reflecting that the Name of Portland will remain engraven on our Hearts; and that whenever your Grace shall withdraw from the Administration of the Affairs of this Country, you will be pursued by the many and dignified Gratitude of a Free People, restored to Liberty by their own great Exertions, rendered effectual under your Grace's auspicious Government, and by your Assistance.

We might enlarge on your Grace's eminent Integrity, on your faithful Representations, and your hereditary Constitutional Principles. We have felt their Effects, and leave it to History to do you Justice.

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