

we cannot avoid to express our Abhorrence of those seditious Proceedings which naturally led to this wicked Attempt to overturn our happy Constitution by such an Attack on the Executive Part of it; and to assure your Majesty that, convinced as we are that the Security and Welfare of the Nation and that of your Majesty's Person and Government are one, we are ready to stand forth with our Lives and Fortunes in their Defence, and as far as in us lies to hand down to our Posterity that glorious Constitution which we have received from our Ancestors; imploring the Blessing of Heaven on your Majesty and this Nation, that Peace, Plenty and Tranquillity may be speedily restored to it on Terms consistent with it's Honour and Security.

[Presented by B. Gurdon Dillingham, Esq; Captain of the 1st Troop of Norfolk Yeomanry, accompanied by the Marquis of Townshend, Lord Lieutenant of the said County.]

Dublin Castle, January 21, 1796.

THIS Day the Parliament having met according to Prorogation, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Bryan O'Connor, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from his Excellency to the House of Commons, signifying his Pleasure that they should immediately attend his Excellency in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, his Excellency made the following Speech:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IHAVE received His Majesty's Commands to meet you in Parliament.

It gives me the most sincere Satisfaction to be authorized to inform you, that notwithstanding the Advantages which the Enemy possessed at the Commencement of the last Year, and the Successes which attended their Operations in the former Parts of the Campaign, the general Situation of Affairs is, on the Whole, most essentially improved.

The continued and brilliant Successes of the Austrian Armies upon the Rhine; the important Captures of the Cape of Good Hope and of Trincomalee by His Majesty's Forces, and the decided and confirmed Superiority of his Fleets, are Circumstances of the utmost Importance to the common Cause; and their Effect is strengthened by the internal Distresses, the ruined Commerce, and increasing financial Embarrassments of the Enemy.

The Crisis lately depending in France has led to an Order of Things in that Country, such as will induce His Majesty to meet any Disposition or Negotiation on the Part of the Enemy with an earnest Desire to give it the fullest and speediest Effect, and to conclude a Treaty of general Peace when it may be effected on just and suitable Terms for himself and his Allies.

The Treaty of Commerce between His Majesty and the United States of America having been mutually ratified, I have ordered Copies of it, by His Majesty's Command, to be laid before you.

I have the Pleasure to announce to you, that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has been happily delivered of a Princess; an Event which, by giving additional Stability to His Majesty's august House, cannot fail to afford you the highest Satisfaction.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I observe with the sincerest Pleasure, that, notwithstanding the continued Pressure of the War, the Commerce and Revenues of this Kingdom have not in any Degree fallen from that flourishing State of Advancement, which in the last Session of Parliament was a Subject of such just Congratulation. This Circumstance affords a decisive Proof that your Prosperity is founded on a solid Basis, and leads me to indulge the flattering Hope, that whatever additional Burthens you may find it necessary to impose, will not be materially felt by the People.

I have ordered the Public Accounts and Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before you, and have no Doubt of your Readiness to provide such Supplies as a due Sense of the Exigencies of the Kingdom shall suggest, and the wise Policy of strengthening His Majesty's Exertions for procuring a solid and permanent Peace shall appear to render necessary.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It is with Regret that I feel myself obliged to advert to those secret and treasonable Associations, the dangerous Extent and Malignity of which have in some Degree been disclosed on several Trials, and to the Disturbances which have taken Place in some Parts of the Kingdom. It has, at the same Time, been a Source of great Satisfaction to me to observe the successful and meritorious Exertions of the Magistrates in several Parts of the Kingdom, and the Alacrity which His Majesty's Regular and Militia Forces have universally manifested in Aid of the Civil Power, whenever they have been called upon for the Preservation of the Peace and Support of the Laws. It remains for your Prudence and Wisdom to devise such Measures as, together with a Continuance of those Exertions, and the additional Powers which, by the Advice of the Privy Council, I have thought it necessary to establish in different Counties, will prevent the Return of similar Excesses, and restore a proper Reverence for the Laws of the Country.

The superior and increasing Importance of the Agriculture and Manufactures, and particularly of the Linen Manufacture of the Kingdom, will command your accustomed Support. Under the present Situation of Europe, you cannot fail to attend, with peculiar Vigilance, to the general State of Provisions; and if Circumstances shall at any Time render your Interposition adviseable, I have no Doubt of your adopting such Measures as shall best apply to the existing Necessity of the Times.

I am also desirous of pointing your Attention to the Protestant Charter Schools and other Institutions of Public Charity and Improvement.

Your Unanimity and Zeal can never be of more Importance than at the present Crisis, in order to impress the Enemy with a thorough Conviction of the Resources of His Majesty's Kingdoms, and to procure a favorable Termination to your honorable Efforts. His Majesty has the fullest Reliance on your Firmness and Attachment, and on the Fortitude, Spirit and Perseverance of his People.

It will be my Ambition, as it is my Duty, to represent your Zeal in His Majesty's Service; and it will be my personal and most anxious Wish to cooperate with your Efforts in the common Cause in which we are all equally engaged and interested, and my utmost Endeavours shall be used to secure the Happiness and Prosperity of this Kingdom, and to protect and maintain it's most excellent Constitution.