

*Dublin Castle, January 19, 1798.*

THE Houses of Lords and Commons having resolved upon humble Addresses to His Majesty, the same were this Day presented to the Lord Lieutenant for Transmission; and also Addresses from both Houses to his Excellency, which, with his Excellency's Answers, are as follow:

To his Excellency John Jeffries, Earl Camden, 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, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to approach your Excellency with unfeigned Thanks for your excellent Speech from the Throne.

We are sensibly alive to the Confidence His Majesty reposes in his Parliament by convening us at this critical Period, and resorting to us for Advice. His Majesty may rely on our dutiful and affectionate Attachment to his sacred Person and Government; and we shall enter upon our Deliberations with a Confidence peculiarly arising from the Experience we have had of the Wisdom and Firmness of your Excellency's Councils. The Tranquillity which attended the late General Election affords the most incontestible Proof, that the wise and firm Measures adopted by the last Parliament were approved of by the Nation at large; and your Excellency may rest assured, that our Conduct shall be actuated by similar Principles in Defence of our happy Constitution.

We have to acknowledge His Majesty's gracious Attention in directing his Royal Declaration, and the Papers relative to the late Negotiation, to be laid before us. We join with your Excellency in regretting that His Majesty's Endeavours to restore the Blessings of Peace have again been frustrated by the desperate Ambition of the Enemy; at the same Time it cannot but prove a Consolation to your Excellency, as it is to us, that His Majesty's Magnanimity and Moderation have been so eminently displayed in the Progress of the Negotiation, as to leave no Pretext or Colour for the insidious Statements of the Enemy, and to prove, beyond a Doubt, to all Europe, that no other Alternative is left for His Majesty, than to oppose the Valour of his People to the boundless and extravagant Pretensions of the Enemy.

We are well convinced the People of Ireland will never fail their Sovereign in a Contest, upon the Issue of which depends their dearest Rights and Liberties. The Valour of His Majesty's Regular and Militia Forces, the active Loyalty of the District Corps, the Prowess of his Fleets, and the Courage of the Nation, animated by a Sense of Duty to their God, their Sovereign, and their Country, will oppose an invincible Barrier to every hostile Attempt against the Peace and Safety of this Kingdom.

We offer our sincere and heartfelt Congratulations to your Excellency upon the late signal and brilliant Victory, gained by Admiral Lord Duncan over the Dutch Fleet, which has added fresh Lustre to the Glory of His Majesty's Navy, and given new Strength and Safety to His Majesty's Dominions.

It affords us the greatest Satisfaction to learn, that the vigorous Measures adopted by your Excellency, in consequence of the Addresses of the Houses of Lords and Commons in May last, have, in the Northern Parts of the Kingdom, been productive of the happiest Effects, in repressing Disaffection, and in restoring Security and Confidence to the Well-disposed. The Return of Subordination and Industry in that Quarter is the strongest Proof that these Vigorous Measures were conceived and executed with equal Wisdom.

We learn, with a Mixture of Indignation and Horror, that the Leaders of the Disaffected have attempted to make the Midland and Southern Districts the Scenes of Enormities and Outrage, by employing emissaries to deceive and corrupt the People, and by the Circulation of Publications calculated to revive Religious Animosities, and to excite the lower Classes, under the Prospects of Plunder, to commit Acts of the most horrid Violence and Barbarity. It is to be lamented that the Exertions of the Magistrates, aided by the Troops, have not as yet been able entirely to put a Stop to those Disturbances, but we rely that the same constant Vigilance and unremitting Exertions, which have proved successful in restoring Peace to other Parts of the Kingdom, will equally in these Districts prove a Protection to the Loyal and Well-disposed, and ultimately rescue the Misguided and Misled from the Influence of those wicked and designing Men, who, by a systematic Plan of Assassination, have endeavoured to impede and prevent the Administration of Public Justice, and to excite the People to Rebellion and Revolt.

We shall continue our accustomed Attention to the Commerce, the Agriculture and Manufactures of the Country, and shall not fail to make a suitable Provision for the Protestant Charter Schools and other charitable Institutions.

The Declaration of His Majesty, that, in the present arduous Contest, he will stand or fall with his faithful People, must fill the Hearts of every loyal Subject with Sentiments of enthusiastic Veneration and Gratitude to their King for a Pledge so generous and affecting. His Majesty may be assured, that our Determination is equally decided to devote our Lives and Fortunes to the Defence of His Majesty's sacred Person and our invaluable Constitution, and to stand or fall with our Sovereign in a Contest, which we are bound to prosecute, for the Maintenance of our Religion, and for the Preservation of the Independence, Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom.

Deeply feeling the great and important Interests for which we contend, and calling to Mind the arduous Task we have to perform, it is an inexpressible Satisfaction and Relief to our Minds to find the Chief Government of Ireland committed to a Nobleman so eminently qualified as your Excellency to conduct the Country through its present Difficulties. The Vigilance and Firmness your Excellency has displayed, added to the high Respect entertained for your Excellency's private Character and public Talents, has caused every Class and Description of the People, really attached to the Constitution, to consider your Excellency's Continuance in the exalted Station you now fill, as essentially connected with the Peace and Security of Ireland, and

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