

DUCHY OF CORNWALL.

May 10, 1798.

THE Prince of Wales has been graciously pleased to signify his Commands to the Council of His Royal Highness, that Renewals of the Leasehold and Copyhold Estates of the Duchy of Cornwall shall pass, WITHOUT FINE, for replacing any Life or Lives that may happen to be lost thereon, in the Defence of the Country, in case of an Invasion.

GRAY and BIRCH, Clerks of the Council.

Whitehall, June 9, 1798.

THE following Addresses having been transmitted to the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by his Grace presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in the General Assembly, beg Leave to embrace this Opportunity of approaching your Throne, in order to express the Sentiments which we feel on Occasion of the arduous Contest in which this Nation is engaged with a neighbouring hostile Power.

During former Times of Tranquillity and Peace, the Ministers of this Church had always studied to confirm the People under their Charge in Principles of Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government, and to inspire them with Veneration for that happy Constitution, civil and sacred, with which we have long been blessed. Now, when the Day of Trial is come, it is with the utmost Satisfaction we behold the happy Effects of those Sentiments, which we have long endeavoured to instill. We behold the great Body of the People in this Country, united in zealous Attachment to your Majesty's Government; and in resolute Endeavours to defend their Antient Rights against every Invader. We have the Happiness of expressing to your Majesty our firm Persuasion that the Spirit of the Country is now fully roused among all Ranks of Men. They are sensible, that all that is sacred to them, as Christians, and dear to them as Men, is at Stake; and that in resisting their impious and outrageous Foes, they are not only defending a Sovereign whom they love and revere, and supporting a Constitution under which they have long been happy, but defending at the same Time their own Families, their Persons, and Property. We can assure your Majesty, that, on our Part, nothing shall be wanting to cherish these patriotic Dispositions, to stimulate the general Ardour in the Public Cause, and to promote every Measure, which the Wisdom of your Counsels shall deem necessary for the Security of the Realm.

We beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the brilliant Successes with which it has pleased the Almighty already to bless your Arms in various Quarters. Trusting to that gracious Aid of Heaven, which has so often signally supported the British Throne, and defeated the Attempts of unjust and violent Enemies, we entertain the firmest Hopes that the insolent Menaces of our present Foes shall be completely baffled, and that an honourable and

lasting Peace shall terminate the Contest in which your Majesty and the Nation are now engaged.

That the God of Battles may continue to bless your Majesty's Fleets and Armies; that he may speedily give a check to the Ambition and Anarchy of those tyrannical Rulers who have disturbed the Peace of so many surrounding Nations; that he may long preserve your Majesty's precious and important Life, and still encrease the Lustre and Prosperity of your Reign over a loyal and grateful People, shall ever be the fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient,
and most loyal Subjects,The Ministers and Elders met in this
General Assembly of the Church of
Scotland.Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our
Appointment, by*William Taylor, Moderator.*

Edinburgh, May 22, 1798.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Leven.]

May it please Your Majesty,

YOUR Majesty's most gracious Letter, to this Meeting of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was received with the highest Respect.

The full Confidence which Your Majesty is pleased to repose in the Wisdom of our Proceedings, and the renewed Assurances of your paternal Affection, are most endearing Testimonies of your Royal Favour, and fill our Minds with the warmest Gratitude to our beloved Sovereign.

The Persuasion your Majesty has condescended to express of the great Advantages which will result to your entire Kingdom, from the Deliberations of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is a most powerful Incitement to us, in all our Proceedings, to conduct ourselves with that Gravity and Calmness, and that loyal Attachment to your sacred Person, and to cultivate that Love for the People committed to our Charge, and that Spirit of Christian Charity one towards another, which will best secure the Dignity of our Order, and give Authority to our Decisions.

Feeling as we do, the utmost Abhorrence of those loose Notions, both in Faith and Morality, which are the Disgrace of these Times; and animated by an ardent Zeal to counteract their pernicious Influence, we listen, with profound Reverence, to your Royal Recommendation; and shall steadily persevere in our Exertions for the Preservation of sound Doctrine, and for the Advancement of genuine Piety, and Practice of all Christian Duties, both Moral and Positive, in the humble Hope that we may thus prove the Means of averting the Displeasure of Almighty God, and of promoting the Happiness of your Majesty's Subjects, by contributing to the Maintenance of pure Religion, of good Government, and of social Order.

Your Majesty's Knowledge of the ardent Zeal of the Earl of Leven and Melville, in the great Cause of Religion, and of his steady Regard for the Peace and Prosperity of the Church of Scotland, and the long and pleasing Experience we have had of his Fidelity in the Discharge of the Duties of that high and im-

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