

because an impartial, Distribution of Reward and Favour; that Patriotism, in its purest and most genuine Meaning, would be identified with Power; and that the only Medium by which the People of these Realms could view the Supreme Magistrate of the State, would be through the Irradiations diffused around him from Acts of Benignity and Munificence.

Fain would we have been to forbear clouding the Dawn of our Intercourse with Your Royal Highness by a Glance even at the Name of Grievances, manifold, weighty, and pernicious as those are to which we more particularly apply ourselves; but the Duty we owe to our Sovereign and our Country, the Reverence we owe to the Memory and Example of our Forefathers, and the Justice that is claimed towards our Posterity, the Fame, the Happiness, and the Safety of the Empire, all with irresistible Force forbid us to disguise our Thoughts or smother our Feelings.

We see, with a mixed Contemplation of Shame and Sorrow, the political Unity of a great People hazarded; we see Ireland, the most essential Bulwark of the British Name and Glory, paralyzed in her Exertions, degraded in her Character, her Valour checked by unworthy Suspicion, her Emulation repressed by servile and unwarrantable Distinctions, her People divided without Meaning, and her Strength and her Integrity depreciated by Imputations that at once she disclaims and detests; and laying before Your Royal Highness the common Sentiments of a loyal, generous, and ardent People, of all religious Persuasions, we do most humbly implore Your Royal Highness's early and earnest Attention to the Situation of the Irish Catholics.

By the present System of Laws, the Catholic of Ireland is mocked and tantalized, by having laid open to him every Avenue, (that to the Church alone excepted,) which leads to Wealth, and Power, and Dignity; and in this he may drudge and labour in the dull and discouraging Pursuits of Science that are divested of all those Lures to Activity by which every other Description of Men are incited to great Exertion; or he may fight and fall in the Field, under a Sense of Duty abstracted from all the noblest and most inspiring Incentives to Glory. In either Case he is so circumstanced, that the Zeal which in others animates Study, or invigorates Labour, and the Heroism that impels to Deeds of Valour, are damped and chilled in him by the heart-rending Reflection that, however meritoriously or nobly he may struggle for the final Advantage, he can never attain it; that however he may be permitted to waste his Life in pursuing the Path to Fame and Power, the Entrance, when he arrives at it, is shut for ever against him.

By this System of Laws, and the System of Government consequently acting upon them, the remaining Restrictions which operate against the Roman Catholics exhibit the Appearance of a blind Infatuation, conferring on French and other foreign Roman Catholic Officers what it offensively refuses to Native Irish; filling the Hearts of the Irish Millions with Indignation and Resentment, and laying them open to the Influence of Passions which cannot be contemplated without Terror.

In beseeching Your Royal Highness's favourable Attention to our common Supplication, we approach Your Royal Highness with the greater Degree of Confidence, because we cannot but hope that, when

the Two great Classes of Protestant and Catholic, for mutual Preservation, shall make common Cause in pursuit of an Object that we all think indispensable, the few but odious remaining Restrictions upon the Catholic Body, smitten by the united Rays of the Law, the Constitution, the Nation, and the Throne, must, like a noxious Exhalation, melt and disappear.

We do, therefore, humbly entreat that Your Royal Highness may be graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament the immediate Consideration of the State of the Irish Catholics, and the urgent Necessity of restoring them to the full Participation of all the Advantages and Blessings of our glorious Constitution; Blessings and Advantages to which we humbly submit, that they are now highly and justly entitled to a still more ample Extent than what was assured to that Body under the solemn Treaty of Limerick, signed by King William; to the Security of which they have, in much more than a proportionate Degree, contributed by their Treasure and their Lives; to the Enjoyment of which, under Your Royal Highness and every Branch of your illustrious Family, they have eminently entitled themselves, by an unabated Loyalty toward the House of Brunswick, and by their uniform, ardent, and steady Attachment for Six Hundred and Fifty Years to their natural Alliance with Great Britain; in support of which every Battle that hath been fought, and every Victory that has been gained from the earliest Periods of our History, under the British Banners by Sea or Land, in every Climate of the Earth, has been highly attributable to Irish Valour and Irish Loyalty, bleeding and dying for British Glory, and sealing with the best Blood of Ireland the Bond of British Connexion.

With these Views, may it please Your Royal Highness, we trust that it will appear but a Claim of common Justice on behalf of this numerous, opulent, and loyal Majority of the Irish People, that they should at once be freed from every Species of Restriction and Disability, and be placed on a full and fair Footing of perfect Equality with the most favoured of His Majesty's most loyal Subjects.

In thus approaching Your Royal Highness with our sincere Congratulations, we have attempted to discharge an honest Duty, at once to Your Royal Highness and the People of the Empire, in humbly suggesting a Measure, by the Recommendation and Accomplishment of which Your Royal Highness will enture the Gratitude and combine the Strength of this vast Portion of the Empire, and entail upon your Name and Character the Love, Admiration, and Blessings of the Time in which you live, and the Reverence of Ages yet to come.

*Lisnore, Chairman.*

[Presented by the Honourable Major-General Mathew and the Honourable F. A. Pritie, Representatives in Parliament for said County.]

To His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Corporation, and Inhabitants of the County of the Borough of Carmarthen.

*May it please Your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Corporation, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Carmarthen, beg Leave to

