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**T**HE following Address from the Clergy of the Convocation of York was presented to Her Majesty by the Honourable Dr. William Graham, Dean of Carlisle, and Clerk of the Closet in Ordinary to Her Majesty, and other Members of that Convocation; being introduced by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York and the Lord Bishop of Durham.

May it please Your Most Excellent Majesty.

**W**E the Clergy of the Province of York in Convocation Assembled, do for our selves, and on the behalf of all our Brethren of the same Province, whom we Represent, Humbly beg Leave to throw our selves at Your Majesty's Feet, in most hearty and Thankful Acknowledgments of Your Majesty's most Pious and Affectionate Care for the Church of England, expressed in your late Message to the House of Commons; wherein Your Majesty is Graciously pleased to Declare, That you will give your whole Ecclesiastical Revenue of First-Fruits and Tithes, as it shall become free from Incumbrances, to be Applied to the Augmentation of Poor Benefices throughout England.

We cannot forbear saying, That Your Majesty has in this Surprising Instance of your Kindness to the Church, Outdone all your Royal Predecessors since the Reformation. They took Care, That our Holy Religion should be Purged from the Errors and Superstitions with which Popery had corrupted it: And They took Care likewise, That it should be so Transmitted to us: And for this Their Memories will be for ever Blessed: But Your Majesty not only takes Care to Preserve our Religion in the same Purity; and to Protect our Church in all its Legal Rights and Privileges; but has farther taken Care also, That the Ministers of it, shall in due Time have a Competent Maintenance. The Want of which Provision, was indeed the Great, if not the Only Blemish of our Reformation. And therefore doubly Blessed will Your Majesty's Memory be, in all succeeding Generations.

As we are sure that this Pious and Charitable Act of Your Majesty's is highly Acceptable to God, who fails not to Reconcile even a Cup of Cold Water, given to a Prophet in the Name of a Prophet; so we cannot but Hope, it will have such an Effect upon all Your Majesty's Subjects, who Love our Church and Religion; and especially upon us of the Clergy; That we shall Endeavour more and more (if it be possible) to Express our Zeal for Your Majesty's Service. And particularly we shall think our selves Obedient, every Day to put up our most earnest Prayers to God Almighty for Your Majesty's long Life, and Happy Reign over us. And that for this Exceeding Good Work of Your Majesty's, He would add an Abundant Increase to the Glorious Rewards, that we doubt not, are laid up for you in his Heavenly Kingdom.

To which Her Majesty was pleased to return this most Gracious Answer:

Gentlemen,

**I** Take your Address very kindly. It is my Desire that all the Clergy should have a Comfortable Maintenance; especially those of them that Faithfully do their Duties to God and the Church. Such it shall always be My Care to Support and Encourage.

Whitehall, March 1. The following Addresses have been transmitted hither from Ireland by his Grace the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom.

To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Archbishops, Bishops, and the rest of the Clergy of Ireland, assembled in Convocation.

**W**E Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Archbishops, Bishops, and the rest of the Clergy of Ireland, in Convocation assembled, do with all Humility adore the Goodness of God in placing Your Majesty on the Throne of Your Royal Ancestors, to be in a more especial manner the Defender of the Faith, and the Protector of the Established Church: For as in a life eminent Station, even in difficult Times, Your Majesty recommended unto all an exact Conformity to its Doctrine and Discipline by your Princely Example; so ever since your Accession to the Crown you have made it your chief Care to Support its Honour by your Royal Authority.

And we humbly beg Leave at this present Juncture to declare our Gratitude to Your Majesty, for restoring to us, after so long a Discontinuance, our Right of assembling in a National Convocation, being fully persuaded, that this publick Instance of your Royal Justice, will be no inconsiderable Addition to the other Glories of Your Majesty's Reign.

And we further hold our selves obliged to express the great Satisfaction we all receive, in Your Majesty's appointing his Grace the Duke of Ormonde to be Governor of this Kingdom, whose Inclinations will lead him to consult the Welfare of his Native Country, and whose Hereditary Zeal for the Church by Law Established will engage him to defend its Rights, and promote its Interests.

That as we are now assembled in a National Synod, with a stedfast Resolution to assert and maintain the Truth of the Christian Faith, against all unreasonable and wicked Men, and to establish in the Minds of those committed to our Charge a firm Belief of its Holy Doctrines; so we assure Your Majesty, That we will employ our utmost Care and Diligence to oblige them to a Conscientious Observance of its Holy Precepts, and particularly to persuade them to express the Sincerity of their Religion, by paying all due Honour to Your Majesty's Person, and by a chearful and steady Obedience to Your Majesty.

And we humbly beseech Almighty God to bless Your Majesty with good Success in all your Councils and Undertakings, and to Reward your Pious Endeavours for suppressing the Growth of Profaneness and Immorality, and for promoting the Peace of Europe, and Prosperity of your Subjects with Eternal Happiness.

To his Grace James Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Archbishops, Bishops, and the rest of the Clergy of Ireland, in Convocation assembled.

**W**E the Archbishops and Bishops, and the rest of the Clergy of Ireland, in Convocation assembled, do with all Gratitude acknowledge, That as your most Noble Ancestors have always distinguished themselves by espousing the Interest of the Church as by Law Established; so it is your Grace's peculiar Glory to have been the Instrument of retrieving our ancient Right of meeting with every Parliament in a National Convocation.

All good Men observe with great Concern, That the Christian Faith has, in this as well as former Ages, been corrupted by Heresies, and the Discipline of the Church very much weakened by Licentious Practices, and rejoice to see this Synod convened, in which we hope proper Remedies will be applied for the Cure of these Evils, according to the Example of Primitive Times.

We resolve (by God's Grace) to manage our Debates with Unity, Temper, and prudent Zeal, and to have no other View in our Sessions, but the Glory of God, and the Good of his Church, being assured we shall thereby recommend our selves to the Continuance of Her Majesty's Protection, and your Grace's Favour.

Falmouth, Febr. 26. The Master of a Danish Hoy, homeward bound from France, lately taken by the Sidney Galley, Captain Upton Commander, reports, That about 12 days ago a Placart was set up on the Exchange at Bourdeaux, declaring, That all Swedish and Danish Ships which should first discharge their Loading in any Port of England, and afterwards proceed in Ballast for France, should, on their Arrival in any Port of that Kingdom, be made Prize; as also all Ships belonging to Holstein which should be met at Sea; and that all Danish Ships putting into Ostend should be stopt, by way of Reprisal for an Ostend Caper of 32 Guns seized in Holstein by Order of the King of Denmark. The Jacob Galley of London, John Clarver Master, bound to Ireland and Leghorn, came in to this Port two days ago, and brought with her as Prize a Danish Flyboat of 400 Tuns, laden with Salt, Wine and Brandy, from Nantes.

Plymouth, Febr. 25. Vice-Admiral Lake passed by this Port the 23d Instant with about 70 Sail of Men of War, Transport Ships with Forces on board for Portugal, and Merchant Ships bound thither and to the West-Indies, English and Dutch, and was joined from hence by two of Her Majesty's Ships, and two outward bound Merchant Men. The same day came in here 5 outward bound Merchant Men. The same day came in here two Merchant Ships for this Place, and two outward bound. Her Majesty's Ship the Garland, bound to Lisbon, did also come in here, but pursued her Voyage without making any Stay.

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