

I am confident, my Conduct hitherto in suppressing the Rebellion, and punishing those concerned in it, has been such as demonstrates, that I desire rather to lessen their Numbers by reclaiming them, than by making Examples; but I am sorry to find, that the numerous Instances of Mercy which I have shewn, have had no other Effect, than to encourage the Faction of the Pretender, to renew their Insults upon my Authority and the Laws of the Kingdom; and even to affect, with the greatest Insolence, to distinguish themselves from my good and faithful Subjects; acting with such Folly and Madness, as if they intended to convince the World, that they are not to be reduced to Quiet and Submission to my Government, by such gentle Methods as are most agreeable to my own Inclinations.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I return you, in particular, my Thanks for the Supplies you have given, which although they fall short of the Sums you found necessary, and have voted for the Service of the whole Year, yet by the Encouragement you have given to make them effectual, may, I hope, be so managed, as to carry on the Current Service till another Session of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am very sensible, there are Matters of great Consequence depending before you, but as they have hitherto been postponed out of absolute necessity, by me resolving Affairs of a more pressing Nature, and of the most immediate Concern to the Peace and Safety of the Nation; I thought the Season of the Year required I should defer your further Proceedings till the next Session, rather than you should be detained out of your respective Duties longer than could be consistent with your private Concerns.

I cannot doubt, that during this Recess you will all use your best Endeavours to preserve the Peace of the Kingdom, and to discourage and suppress all manner of Disorders; since as the first Scene of the late Rebellion was opened and ushered in by Tumults and Riots, so you may be assured, upon what Pretence soever they are raised, they can have no other Tendency but to support the Spirit of a Faction, restless and unwearied in their Endeavours to renew the Rebellion, and to subvert the Religion, Laws and Liberties of their Country.

I design to make Use of the approaching Recess to visit my Dominions in Germany, and to provide for the Peace and Security of the Kingdom, during my Absence, by constituting my beloved Son, the Prince of Wales, Guardian of the Realm, and my Lieutenant within the same.

And afterwards, the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is His Majesty's Royal Pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the 9th Day of August next; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to meet here, on Tuesday the 7th Day of August next.

Dublin, June 20. This Day the Parliament of this Kingdom was prorogued to the 25th of August next: After the Lords Justices had given the Royal Assent to several Bills, and made the following Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Session has by many unavoidable Accidents been protracted to an unusual Length, you cannot but think your Time well employed, having reaped the Advantage of the many good Laws His Majesty has been pleased to give you, in which Number the Act for Making the Militia more useful, is a singular Instance of the great Confidence His Majesty places in the Fidelity and Good Affection of his Loyal Subjects of Ireland, and will greatly contribute to the Security of the Protestant Interest of this Kingdom.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We are commanded by His Majesty, to return you Thanks for the Supplies you have so cheerfully granted for his Service, and your own Defence, which we assure you, will be apply'd with the utmost Frugality to the Purposes for which they were given.

We must likewise thankfully acknowledge the several Marks of Confidence you have plac'd in us, more particularly your reasonable and unprecedented Vote of Credit, which will remain a memorable Proof of your unbounded Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and an Obligation upon us to continue our best Endeavours for your Prosperity.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Season of the Year is now far advanced, and it is Time you should return to your several Countries, where you will take Care in your respective Stations, to see the Laws duly put in Execution for the Support of our excellent Constitution both in Church and State. We shall only recommend to you, the Continuance of that Unanimity and Resolution which have hitherto preserved you in perfect Tranquility, and will best enable you to defeat the future Designs of your open and secret Enemies.

It is a great Pleasure to us, to see this Session conclude as it began, with all possible Marks of Loyalty and Good Affection to His Majesty; and as we have constantly represented the Merit of so good a People in a just Light, to the Best of Princes, so we have His Majesty's Commands to assure you of his perfect Satisfaction in your Dutiful Behaviour.

St. James's, June 28.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Archbishop, Dean and Chapter of the Metropolitan Church of Canterbury, and of the rest of the Clergy of that Diocese.

May it please your Majesty,

HAVING with Hearts full of Joy and Gratitude, returned our most humble and hearty Thanks to Almighty God for his Deliverance of your Sacred Majesty