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AT the Court at *Hampton-Court*, the 22d of *August*, 1717.

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

UPON reading this Day at the Board a Presentment by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, dated the 19th of July last, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in the Words following, viz.

WE have had frequent Complaints from our Officers in several Parts of the Coast of this Kingdom, that the Smugglers are now grown so very numerous and insolent, that they appear in Bodies from 20 to 30 armed Men, and in Defence of the Officers of the Customs, do torribly run great Quantities of Goods, to the great Prejudice of the Revenue and the fair Traders, a fresh Instance whereof we have now before us from one of our Officers at Stockton; who hath represented to us, in his Letter of the 7th Instant, (Copy whereof is hereto annexed, for your Lordships more particular Information) that upon Notice of a considerable Quantity of Goods being run near that Port, he applied to the Commanding Officer of two Troops of Dragoons now quartered there, to assist him in securing the said Goods, but was refused such Assistance by the said Officer, notwithstanding the Clause in the Act of Frauds, 14 Car. II. requires the same: Such commanding Officer alledging, that he had no Orders to assist any Officer of the Customs in the Execution of his Duty. We have therefore thought it our Duty to lay this Matter before your Lordships, and humbly pray that you will please to be a means, that the Military Officers quartered not only in and about Stockton, but also on other Parts of the Coast of this Kingdom, may be directed to assist the Officers of the Customs, as there shall be Occasion, in Seizing uncustomed and prohibited Goods.

HIS Majesty taking the same into Consideration, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to Order, and it is hereby Ordered, That His Majesty's Secretary at War, do forthwith cause Directions to be given to the Military Officers quartered on, or near the Sea-Coast, throughout England as well as Scotland, That they be assisting to the Civil Magistrates, when desired by them and the Officers of the Customs for the Executing Legal Processes, and other Matters relating to His Majesty's Service, in hindring the Exportation of Wooll, and Illegal Importation of French Silks, Brandy, and other Goods, and preventing the evil Practices complained of in the said Presentment.

J. A. VERNON.

Dublin, August 30.

To His Grace Charles Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant-General, and General-Governour of His Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Grace,

IT is with great Satisfaction, that we the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, have heard the many Expressions of His Majesty's Royal Favour and Goodness towards us, in your Grace's most excellent Speech from the Throne.

We were alarmed during our last Session, and threatened by a most Horrid and Unnatural Rebellion raised within His Majesty's Kingdom of Great-Britain, which if it had prevailed must of Necessity have involved this Kingdom also in the Common Ruin. But the great Wisdom and Steadiness of His Majesty's Government in that most Critical Juncture, being assisted and conducted by the good Providence of God, has not only freed us from the Apprehensions under which we then lay; but also given us such a pleasing Prospect of Peace and Tranquility, as we have great Reason to hope will secure our common Happiness, and transmit it down to future Generations.

We have the Pleasure to find by your Grace's Speech, that our Zeal and Indignation against the horrid Designs which were formed against His Majesty's Person and Government, and Royal Family, and the Duty and Loyalty shewn by us at that Time, were graciously accepted by His Majesty: And now crave Leave to express our Joy for the Suppression of that most horrid Rebellion, and for the quiet and peaceable Condition into which His Majesty, by Alliances formed abroad, and by His Wisdom, Justice and Clemency at home, has happily put his Dominions.

Nor ought it to be passed over in Silence, that His Majesty, by His Royal Pardon and Act of Grace, has done all that is possible to reconcile even His greatest Enemies to His Royal Person and Government; except there be any of them who still remain as ungratefully insensible of His Majesty's Clemency, as hitherto they have wickedly been of their own Duty.

We take it also as a singular Instance of His Majesty's Favour to us, that he has been pleased to appoint your Grace Chief Governour of this Kingdom. We remember, with Pleasure, the great Advantages we formerly enjoyed under your Grace's Administration; and promise our selves the Continuance of the like, or greater from your early and faithful Adherence to His late Majesty King William, of ever Glorious Memory; from your firm Zeal for the Interest of our present happy Establishment both in Church and State; and from the particular Favour and Kindness your Grace is pleased to express towards this Kingdom.

To which Address his Grace was pleas'd to make the following Answer.

I Am very sensible of your Lordships good Inclinations and Kindness to me express'd in your Address, and fully convinced, that your Lordships will continue to promote at all times, what shall be for His Majesty's Service, and the Good of the Kingdom.

To his Grace Charles Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Grace,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Grace our humble and hearty Thanks for your excellent Speech to both Houses of Parliament.

His Majesty, in the whole Course of His Reign, has shewn the tenderest Regard for the Safety and Prosperity of His People, and has now given us a very signal Instance in appointing your Grace to be our Governour, whose early and distinguished Zeal in promoting and bringing about the late happy Revolution, (which rescued us from Popery and Slavery, and secured to us the Blessings we now enjoy) and whose steady Adherence to those Principles which then animated your Grace, leave us no room to doubt the Preservation of our Religious and Civil Rights during your Grace's Administration.

His Majesty's gracious Acceptance of our faithful Endeavours for His Service during the late Unnatural Rebellion, and His singular Goodness in passing the Act in the Parliament of Great Britain for continuing the Liberty of exporting our Linnen Manufactures to the British Plantations, call for the utmost grateful Acknowledgments from a loyal People to the best of Princes.

We reflect with Pleasure on the Happiness this Kingdom formerly enjoyed in your Grace's just and mild Government, when one of the Lords Justices under His late Majesty King William of glorious Memory, and on the Well-grounded Hopes we entertain of the Continuance thereof from the Reduction and Regulation of the Civil and Military Lists; a grateful Sense of which, as well as our inviolable

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