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HIS Majesty's most gracious Answer to the humble Address of the House of Commons of Ireland, inserted in the Gazette the 5th of last Month, was communicated to that House the 24th by the Direction of his Excellency the Lord Carteret Lord-Lieutenant of that Kingdom, being as follows.

GEORGE R.

HIS Majesty thanks the House of Commons for this Mark of their Duty and Affection for His Person and Government; and for the Assurances they have given Him of their Support and Assistance.

And His Majesty doubts not but His faithful Commons will take the most effectual Methods to enable Him to put His Kingdom of Ireland, and His Forces upon that Establishment, in such a Condition as may discourage and prevent all the Designs and Attempts of His Enemies.

On the 25th, the said House of Commons of Ireland attended his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with the following humble Address to His Majesty; which having been transmitted by his Excellency to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, in Parliament assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Majesty our most humble and unfeigned Thanks for your most gracious Answer to our Address.

Your faithful Commons have on every Occasion given all possible Demonstrations of their Duty and Loyalty to your Majesty, and your Royal House. And as a further Instance of their Zeal for your Sacred Person and Govern-

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ment, and their firm Resolution to promote such Measures as the present Situation and Exigency of Affairs may make it necessary to enter into; we humbly beseech your Majesty, that you will be graciously pleased to give the proper Directions, That out of the Funds granted this Session of Parliament, a Sum not exceeding Ten thousand Pounds may be issued and payed without Fee or Reward, upon the Warrants due for clearing the Army for one Year, commencing the First Day of July 1724, and ending the 30th of June 1725, inclusive, and also to the Half-Pay Officers on this Establishment, in such Manner and Proportion as your Majesty shall think fit, over and above the Arrears then due to them, or which have since, or shall hereafter incur, the better to enable your Majesty to put this Kingdom and your Forces on this Establishment into such a Condition, as may contribute to disappoint all Attempts of your Enemies both at Home and Abroad.

And we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that if the Funds already granted this Session of Parliament shall not prove sufficient to make good the said Sum, that your faithful Commons will, with the utmost Cheerfulness and Unanimity, provide for the same out of such Aids as shall be granted to your Majesty the next Session of Parliament.

To which Address His Majesty has been pleased to return the following most Gracious Answer.

GEORGE R.

HIS Majesty thanks His loyal Commons for their dutiful Address, and more particularly for the Mark they have given of their Zeal and Affection for His Majesty's Person and Government, and their firm Resolution to promote such Measures as the present Situation and Exigency of Affairs may make it necessary to enter into, by proposing a Method for enabling His Majesty to put the Kingdom and Forces on the Establishment of Ireland into such a Condition as may contribute to disappoint all Attempts of His Enemies both at Home and Abroad; and His Majesty will give the proper Directions for issuing the Sums which shall appear to be necessary for the Uses in the Manner and Proportion mentioned in the said Address.

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