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Dublin-Castle, October 13.

ON Saturday the 11th Instant being the Anniversary of their Majesties Coronation, there was a very numerous Appearance of the Nobility and other Persons of Distinction to compliment his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant upon that Occasion: The great Guns at the Barracks were fired, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison. In the Evening there was a Play given by his Excellency for the Entertainment of the Ladies: And the Night concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy.

Dublin, Oct. 13. This Day the Right Honourable William Conolly, Esq; Speaker of the House of Commons, who had filled that Post with great Honour ever since the Accession of His late Majesty, resigned the Chair. His Letter to the Honourable House of Commons on this Occasion, was as follows.

Gentlemen,

I Am so sensible of the Honour of serving you as Speaker, that while I thought the Discharge of that Office might be inconvenient to me only, under my present ill State of Health, nothing could prevail on me to decline it; but since I find that the publick Affairs may require my Attendance sooner than my Indisposition will permit, I must humbly desire you, that (with his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Leave) you would proceed to the Choice of another Speaker.

I shall always retain a grateful Sense of the many Favours I have received from you, and shall continue to concur with you in every thing for the Service of my Country, which I am perswaded will be the best Return I can make for the great Honour with which you were pleased to distinguish me,

I am, Gentlemen,

October Your most obliged and most
13, 1729. humble Servant,

Wm. Conolly, Speaker.

Mr. Secretary Clutterbuck informed the House, that he was commanded by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint the House, that he had received a Letter from Mr. Speaker to the same Effect; and that he

gives Leave to this House to proceed to the Choice of a new Speaker.

Accordingly the House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, and unanimously elected the Rt. Hon. Sir Ralph Gore, Bart. Chancellour of His Majesty's Exchequer.

Dublin, Oct. 14. This Day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Ceremony, the Commons were sent for, who presented their new Speaker to his Excellency for his Approbation; when the said Speaker made the following Speech.

May it please your Excellency,

THE Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, are now before your Excellency upon an Occasion, which if their and my Wishes had prevailed, would not have happened; they see themselves deprived of the Service of that great and valuable Person who has hitherto presided in their Chair, with so much Honour to himself, and Advantage to the Publick; this they think to be a great Misfortune to them, and a general one to the whole Kingdom; But I want Words to express the particular Concern I feel on this Occasion; the private Friendship I have had with him heightens my Sense of the publick Misfortune, and I justly fear the Consequences of it with Regard to myself; for, my Lord, the Commons of Ireland have done me the Honour unanimously to elect me their Speaker, and they now, in Obedience to your Excellency's Command, wait on you to present me.

I am perswaded that their Candour towards me for my good Inclinations to His Majesty's Service and the publick Welfare, has prevailed upon them to overlook my Weakness and Incapacity for that important Trust; but the true Sense I have of my own Insufficiency, puts me under a Necessity of intreating your Excellency to interpose with the Commons in my Favour, and to direct them to chuse out of so great a Number of worthy Persons, one more equal to this honourable and difficult Employment,

Mr. Speaker's Speech after Approbation.

SINCE your Excellency is pleased to approve the Choice of the Commons, it is now