

At the same time, I have it in Charge to recommend to you the finding out some more effectual Methods, to prevent the illegal Exportation of Wooll into Foreign Parts. This pernicious Practice, is highly injurious to the Trade and Manufacture of Great Britain, and of no real Advantage to your selves. In its Consequences, it very much encourages the clandestine Running of Goods, to the great Diminution of the publick Revenue, and to the Ruin and Destruction of the honest and fair Trader.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

It is with Concern, that I find so great a Deficiency in the publick Revenues. I have directed the proper Officers to lay before you the Estimates and Accounts in the plainest and clearest Manner. And I doubt not but you will chearfully and most effectually make the necessary Provision for the Debt due to the Establishment, and for the Support of his Majesty's Government, under which, your own Interest and Happiness, Religion and Liberties, can alone be secure.

You may be assured that I shall take the utmost Care, that the Supplies shall not only be most frugally applied to the Purposes for which they are intended; but that they shall, as much as is possible, be spent amongst your selves. To which End, I can now with Certainty acquaint you, that his Majesty hath been pleased to order two of the Regiments upon this Establishment, in Service abroad, to be immediately brought back to this Kingdom: And, from the happy Circumstances of Affairs in Europe, I have the greatest Reason to hope that the other will soon be recalled.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

It is a great Satisfaction to me to be able, at my first meeting you in Parliament, to acquaint you, that from the just Success with which the Wisdom of his Majesty's Councils and Negotiations hath been attended, we have now the most reasonable Expectations of enjoying all the Advantages and Blessings of a general Peace, which, by the Increase it will bring to your Trade, and the Encouragement it will give to your Manufactures, must necessarily contribute to the Removal of those Difficulties you at present labour under. His Majesty in his great Goodness considers it as his highest Glory, to make all his

Subjects happy; and, in his tender Concern for this Kingdom, desires nothing more earnestly, than to see you in that Condition. And I shall esteem it my greatest Honour to obey his Majesty's Commands in concurring with you in every thing that may best promote that End; and the Accomplishment of it will be the greatest Satisfaction I can possibly receive from my Administration.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

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

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return our most humble Thanks to your Majesty, for those gracious Expressions we have received from the Throne, of your tender Concern and earnest Desire for the Happiness of this your Kingdom; and for the Assurance given us, that we cannot do any thing more acceptable to your Majesty, than the preparing the Heads of such Bills as may tend to continue, increase, and establish that Happiness.

And we take this Opportunity to congratulate your Majesty on the just Success which hath attended the Wisdom of your Councils and Negotiations, whereby we have the most reasonable Expectations of a general Peace; which by the Increase it will bring to our Trade, and the Encouragement it will give to our Manufactures, under your Majesty's Favour and Protection, must necessarily contribute to the Removal of those Difficulties we at present labour under, and to the Accomplishment of your Majesty's gracious Desires and Designs towards us.

We can in grateful Return, only give your Majesty the strongest and most sincere Assurances of our inviolable Duty and Affection to your Majesty and your Royal House; and of our steady Resolution to make use of the Opportunity your Majesty hath put into our Hands, by the happy Circumstances of Affairs in Europe, to promote the Prosperity of your Subjects, and the Security of your Government.

In pursuance of this, we shall heartily concur in the passing such Laws as shall be found necessary to encourage our Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures, and employ and lessen the Number of our Poor; to prevent the illegal

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