

Exportation of Wooll, and clandestine Running of Goods, which tend to the Diminution of the publick Revenues, and to the Ruin and Destruction of the fair Trader; and to stop the further Growth of Popery, and secure us against all Dangers from the Numbers and Insolence of the Papists in this Kingdom.

Your Majesty's good Subjects of Ireland, who must want that Happiness which attends your immediate Presence, cannot but express their most sensible Acknowledgments of your Majesty's extensive Goodness, in committing their Affairs into the Hands of his Grace the Duke of Dorset; whose known and approved Character leaves us no Room to doubt, but that in Obedience to your Royal Commands, he will justly represent your Majesty, in continuing to do every thing in his Power that may contribute to the Honour, Welfare and Interest of this your Majesty's Kingdom.

Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects have nothing more or greater to add, than their most zealous Wishes and Prayers, that your Majesty may long enjoy your true and desired Glory in the Prosperity of your People, under your most just and gracious Administration, and that our latest Posterity may have the same Happiness transmitted to them, under Princes of your Majesty's Illustrious and Royal Family.

En. Sterne, Cler' Parliament'.

The Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

I Will forthwith transmit this dutiful and affectionate Address to His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

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

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, with Hearts justly sensible of your Majesty's great Goodness to us, during the whole Course of your Reign, do on this Occasion most gratefully acknowledge your Royal Favour in committing the Government of this Kingdom to his Grace the Duke of Dorset, of whose sincere Inclinations for our Prosperity, we are fully convinced, and whose great Honour and eminent Abilities in discharging the Duty of the highest Stations, leave us no room to doubt that

he will take every Opportunity to promote your Majesty's Service, and the Interest and Prosperity of this Nation.

As we hope that our former Conduct hath been agreeable to your Majesty, we assure your Majesty, that we shall, in all our Consultations, endeavour to express that Duty and Affection to your sacred Person, and that Zeal for your Service and the publick Welfare, which may merit the Continuance of your Royal Approbation.

The great Number of Papists in Ireland, must at all Times justly alarm your loyal Protestant Subjects; and we shall use our best Endeavours to prevent all Dangers which may arise from them to your Majesty's Government, or the Peace of this Kingdom.

As we are sensible that the Flaxen and Hempen Manufactures are the most valuable Branches of our Trade, and absolutely necessary to the Support of this Kingdom, we shall consider of all proper Methods to carry on and encrease them, and do with the greatest Gratitude acknowledge the Encouragement given by your Majesty to those Manufactures, and in promoting them, depend entirely on your Royal Protection.

We think our Interest inseparable from that of Great Britain, and shall endeavour, by all Methods in our Power, to prevent the clandestine Exportation of Wooll into Foreign Parts, so prejudicial to the Trade of that Kingdom; and at the same Time consider of the best Means for the suppressing all fraudulent Practices that tend to the Diminution of your Majesty's Revenue, and the Destruction of the fair Trader.

We assure your Majesty, that (as far as we are able in our present Circumstances) we shall grant such Supplies as may effectually provide for the Debt of the Nation; and from the just Sense we have that our Interest, Happiness, Religion and Liberties depend entirely on the Establishment of the Crown in your Majesty and your Royal House, cheerfully support your Government with Honour.

We most gratefully acknowledge your Majesty's great Goodness in taking the present Condition of this Kingdom into your Royal Consideration, and ordering Home two of the Regiments upon this Establishment, now in Service Abroad; and we with the utmost Confidence assure ourselves, that as soon as the Situation of Affairs will permit, you will be graciously pleased to direct the other to be recalled.

We beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the near Prospect of a general Peace, owing,