

By the Reduction of Interest at the same Time that a Provision hath been made for a large Part of the National Debt, and by the Precautions taken for the better securing the publick Revenues, and thereby preventing the Increase of it, we have the agreeable Prospect of sharing the Advantages which his Majesty's generous and successful Labours for the Peace of Europe, cannot fail of diffusing thro' every Part of his Dominions.

Your Grace's known Vigilance, your tender Regard for the Interest of this Kingdom before your Arrival in it, and the Experience of those great and amiable Qualities which have gained you the Hearts of a whole People since you appeared among us, leave us no Room to doubt, but your Grace will favourably represent to his Majesty our Zeal and Fidelity to his most sacred Person and Government.

And as we have cheerfully concurred in every Provision for the Benefit and Quiet of our Country, we shall think ourselves obliged on the same Principles, by a due Execution of the Laws, to preserve the Continuance of his Majesty's Favour, and the Protection of a chief Governour, for whose Wisdom, Honour and Integrity, we profess the highest Veneration.

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

My Lords,

*I Set the greatest Value upon the Regard shewn me by your Lordships in this obliging Address, and cannot doubt of preserving your Esteem, as it is founded on your Confidence in my Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and on my constant Endeavours for the Prosperity of this Kingdom.*

Dublin, March 9. This Day the House of Commons attended his Grace the Lord Lieutenant at the Castle, with the following Address.

To his Grace Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of the Kingdom of Ireland.

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

May it please your Grace,

WE his Majesty's most faithful Commons, think it our indispenfable Duty, before the Conclusion of this Session of Parliament, to return your Grace our most sincere Thanks for your just and wise Administration.

We beg Leave to express the grateful Sense we have of your Grace's Zeal for the Advancement of Learning and good Literature in this Kingdom, and of the many other Benefits and Advantages we enjoy under your Grace's mild and prudent Government, and are convinced your Grace has nothing more at Heart than the Service of the Crown, and the Good and Prosperity of this Country.

Your Grace, through the whole Course of your Administration, has fully made good

those Assurances you were pleased to give us at the Beginning of this Session of Parliament, of your Inclination to do every thing in your Power that might contribute to the Honour, Welfare and Interest of this Kingdom. We therefore depend on your Grace, that when you shall attend his Majesty's most sacred Person, you will represent us to him as a most dutiful and loyal People, placing our greatest Happiness on the Continuance of his Royal Favour and Protection, ready under the utmost Difficulties to grant him such Supplies as are necessary for the Support of his Government, and truly sensible of the many Blessings we enjoy under his most auspicious Reign.

His Grace was pleas'd to return the Answer following.

*I Am very much obliged to you for this kind and affectionate Address, and shall continue my Endeavours to preserve your good Opinion, by pursuing my own Inclinations to promote the Interest of Ireland to the utmost of my Power, and by representing in the most faithful Manner your loyal Behaviour to his Majesty.*

On the 10th the House resolved Nem. Con. That the Thanks of the House be given to the Right Honourable Sir Ralph Gore, Bart. their Speaker, for his faithful and eminent Services performed to the House in the Chair this Session of Parliament.

Dublin, March 10. His Grace the Lord Lieutenant went this Day in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Ceremony, his Grace sent for the Commons, and gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills.

*An Act for the better securing and collecting His Majesty's Revenue.*

*An Act for explaining and amending the several Laws for preventing Frauds committed by Tenants, and for the more easy Renewal of Leases, and for the further Amendment of the Law in certain Cases therein mentioned.*

*An Act for allowing further Time to Persons in Offices to qualify themselves, pursuant to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery.*

*An Act for continuing several Temporary Statutes made in this Kingdom, and now near expiring, and for the Amendment of the Statutes therein mentioned.*

*An Act for reducing the Interest of Money to Six per Cent.*

*An Act to enable Idiots and Lunatics, who are seized or possessed of Estates in Fee, or for Lives or Terms of Years in Trust, or by way of Mortgage, to make Conveyances, Surrenders or Assignments of such Estates, and to prevent Delay in Suits in Equity, where Trustees cannot be found.*

*An Act to encourage the Improvement of Barren and Waste Land and Doggs, and plant-*