

my Endeavours for the Prosperity of Ireland, and faithfully to represent to his Majesty the Experience I have had of your ready Concurrence to maintain the Dignity of his Majesty's Crown, and to promote the Welfare of his People.

Dublin, March 23. 1737-8.

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 lent for the Commons, and gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills.

*An Act for continuing and amending several Laws heretofore made, relating to his Majesty's Revenue, and the more effectual preventing the running of Goods.*

*An Act for the further Encouragement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures.*

*An Act to explain and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Inconveniencies that may happen by Privilege of Parliament.*

*An Act that all Proceedings in Courts of Justice within this Kingdom shall be in the English Language.*

*An Act for the more effectual preventing the Enlisting of his Majesty's Subjects to serve as Soldiers in Foreign Service without his Majesty's Licence.*

*An Act to prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding, and to prevent carrying secret Arms.*

*An Act for enforcing and making perpetual an Act, entitled, An Act for the Preserving all such Ships and Goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on Shore, or stranded upon the Coasts of this Kingdom; and also for inflicting the Punishment of Death on such as shall wilfully burn, sink or destroy Ships.*

*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, and for giving further Ease to Protestant Dissenters, with respect to Matrimonial Contracts.*

*An Act for the Buying and Selling of all Sorts of Corn and Meal, and other Things therein mentioned, by Weight, and for the more effectual preventing the Frauds committed in the Buying and Selling thereof, and for regulating the Price and Assize of Bread, and for better regulating the Markets.*

*An Act for the better Preservation of the Game.*

*An Act for reviving, continuing, explaining and amending several Temporary Statutes, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

*An Act for the further Improvement and Encouragement of the Fishery of this Kingdom.*

*An Act to repeal Part of an Act passed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of King Charles the First, intituled, An Act for the Preservation of the Inheritance, Rights and Profits of Lands belonging to the Church and Persons Ecclesiastical; and also for the more easy Recovery of Arrears of Rent due to Archbishops and Bishops upon their Translation.*

*An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors. And to six other private Bills.*

After which his Grace was pleased to make the following Speech.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I Have with great Satisfaction given his Majesty's Royal Assent to the several Laws prepared by you during the Course of this Session, and hope they will very much promote the general Good of this Kingdom, and thereby answer the gracious Intentions of his Majesty, who hath always in View the true Interests of his People.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have his Majesty's Commands to thank you for the Readiness and Unanimity you have shewn in granting the usual Supplies, which shall be laid out for the Service of the Publick with all possible Frugality;

The Law now passed to prevent the pernicious Practice of Running Goods cannot fail, when fully executed, of having a good Effect, as well with Regard to the due Collection and Increase of the Revenue, as to the Encouragement of the fair Trader.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I have nothing in particular to recommend to you on your Return to your several Countries, being well satisfied that you will, in your respective Stations, put the Laws strictly and impartially in Execution; encourage an hearty Union among Protestants, and discountenance and punish Prophaneness and Immorality. I need not mention to you, that your maintaining the Dignity of the Crown, and a due Submission to the Magistrate will be the surest Means to preserve the publick Peace and Tranquility.

I am very glad my sincere Intentions to serve this Kingdom have proved acceptable to both Houses. The obliging Notice you have taken of my Conduct will greatly encourage me to pursue the same Methods, and use the same Endeavours I have hitherto done, for advancing the Welfare and Happiness of this Nation: And I assure you, that on my Return into his Majesty's Royal Presence, I will faithfully report to his Majesty the many Instances you have given of your Loyalty and Affection to his Person and Government.

Then the Lord Chancellor declar'd, that it was his Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty Fifth Day of April next, and the Parliament was accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 25th Day of April next.

Hague, April 8, N. S. The States of the Province of Holland are to re-assemble Tomorrow. The Ambassabour of Spain presented a Memorial to Day to the States General, tending to dissuade them from entering into Measures with Great Britain on Account of the Spanish Proceedings in the West Indies. M. de Vegelin, one of the Deputies of Friseland to the States General here, is very