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Dublin, December 17.

**T**HIS Day his Grace the Lord Lieutenant went to the House of Peers with the usual Solemnity, and the Commons being sent for up, gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz.

*An Act for granting and continuing to his Majesty an additional Duty on Beer, Ale, Strong-waters, Wine, Tobacco, Hides, and other Goods and Merchandizes herein mentioned.*

*An Act for granting to his Majesty a further additional Duty on Wine, Silk, Hops, China, Earthen, Japan'd or Lacquer'd Ware, and Vinegar; and also a Tax of Four Shillings in the Pound on all Salaries, Profits of Employments, Fees and Pensions, to be applied to pay an Interest of Five Pounds per Cent. per Annum upon such Part of the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Part of the Sum of Three Hundred Thousand Pounds formerly raised, which shall remain unpaid on the 25th Day of December, 1743, and also to pay an Interest of Four Pounds per Cent. per Annum upon such Part of the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds also formerly rais'd, as shall remain unpaid on the said 25th Day of December, 1743, and towards the Discharge of the said principal Sums.*

*An Act for the further Improvement of the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures, and to encourage the Raising of Flax Seed in this Kingdom.*

At the presenting of the two first Bills, the Speaker of the House of Commons made the following Speech to the Lord Lieutenant.

The Speaker's Speech to his Grace William Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieutenant-General, and General Governor of Ireland.

*May it please your Grace,*

**I**F as with the greatest Pleasure, that in Obedience to the Commands of the Commons, I attend your Grace with the two Bills of Supply by them granted to his Majesty, which they have agreed to with the utmost Cheerfulness, Unanimity, and Dispatch.

We are so truly sensible of the Blessings we enjoy under his Majesty's most auspicious and glorious Reign, of his constant paternal Care of the Religion and Liberties of his People, and of his unwearied Endeavours to preserve both, by maintaining the Balance of Power in Europe, for the Support of which, he has lately chosen to expose his precious Life to so great and imminent Dangers, that we shall always think it our truest Interest, as well as indispensable Duty, to continue, as we always have been, most firmly and zealously attached to his Majesty's Person and Government.

My Lord, the long Experience we have had of your Grace's Goodness, Prudence, and honourable Frugality with regard to the Publick, hath greatly endeared you to us, and your known Integrity, leaves us no Room to doubt, but that on your Return to the Royal Presence, your Grace will, by a just and faithful Representation, continue to improve the good Opinion, which we hope his Majesty hath always had, of the unfeigned Duty and Affection of his most loyal and grateful Subjects the Commons of Ireland.

The Commons being returned to their House, Resolved, *Nem. Con.* That the Thanks of this House be given to the Right Honourable Henry Boyle, Esq; their Speaker, for the Speech by him made this Day at the Bar of the House of Peers, and that he be desir'd to print the same.

*Constantinople, Oct. 28.* It is said that three Tartar Couriers, dispatched from the Seraskier of Moosul, are just arrived with the News, that the Siege of that Place is raised; a Counter Mine of the Garrison luckily blew up one of the Enemy's Mines, by which they lost a great Number of Men. This struck such a Panick into the rest of the Persian Army, that the Besieged, supported by a Body of Troops without, having made a Sally at that Instant upon them, they were obliged to raise the Siege, and retire.

*Stockholm, Dec. 2.* M. Ringwicht, who is appointed Minister from this Court to that of Great Britain, received Yesterday his final Orders and Instructions from the Chancery, and he proposes without fail to set out one Day next Week on his Journey to England.

*Naples,*