

The Paternal Affection which your Majesty has always shewn to us, fills our Minds with the strongest Sense of Duty and Loyalty; and particularly the recent Instance we have of your Majesty's tender Concern for our Interests, in appointing the Earl of Harrington Governor of this Kingdom, who has so eminently distinguished himself in every Station, and by all his Actions given the highest Proofs of his steady Attachment to your Majesty's Illustrious Family, Person and Government.

We saw with Horror the pernicious Effects of a blind Zeal and Popish Bigotry among several of your Majesty's Subjects in the late unnatural Rebellion; who, by the Assistance of a Foreign Enemy, (ever jealous of your Majesty's Glory, and the Prosperity of your Subjects) endeavour'd to subvert our happy Constitution, to introduce a Popish Pretender to your Majesty's Crown, and thereby, at once, to deprive us of all that is or can be dear and valuable to us, as Men and Protestants.

Your Majesty's Wisdom and Resolution, in suppressing that horrid Attempt, were not more conspicuous than your Clemency in punishing the misguided Abettors of it: Thus gloriously exercising the greatest and most amiable Qualities of an Illustrious Prince.

Permit us, Sir, on this Occasion, with Hearts full of Joy and Gratitude, to return your Majesty our most unfeigned Thanks for our great Deliverance, in which your Majesty's Son, his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, had so great a Share, and to whose Courage and Conduct these Nations must be for ever indebted.

And we assure your Majesty we shall cheerfully and unanimously grant Supplies to support your Majesty's Government with Honour; and use all proper Methods to prevent the further Growth of Popery amongst us, and zealously enter into every Measure that shall be necessary to defend your Majesty's just Title to the Crown, and the Protestant Succession in your Royal House, on which depend the Safety and Prosperity of these Kingdoms.

*E. Sterling,* } Cler. Dom. Com.  
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His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

*I Will take the first Opportunity to transmit this Dutiful and Loyal Address to His Majesty.*

To his Excellency William Earl of Harrington, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

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

*May it please your Excellency,*  
**W**E the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to re-

turn our most hearty Thanks to your Excellency for your Speech delivered from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament: And at the same Time to express our sincere Congratulations on your Excellency's happy Arrival in this Kingdom.

We have received innumerable Proofs of his Majesty's Paternal Regard and Affection to his Subjects of Ireland; but none more acceptable, than his committing the Government of it to your Excellency: From whose approved Abilities and Wisdom, we may justly promise to ourselves every Advantage.

His Majesty's gracious Acceptance of our Zeal for the Support of his Government, during the late horrid Attempt to subvert it, fills us with unspeakable Satisfaction: And your Excellency may on all Occasions depend upon our steady Adherence to the same Principles by which we were then animated, and to which we are bound by the strongest Ties of Interest, Duty and Gratitude.

Your Excellency has shewn your real Concern for our Welfare, in recommending to our Care the Institution for Educating of Popish Children in the Protestant Charter-Schools: Which, we hope, may, in Time, with the Blessing of God, bring them under the Influence of true Religion, and the Habits of Industry, Order, and Sobriety. Persuasive and gentle Applications are the Means we are most desirous to employ towards reclaiming those unhappy People; and we shall proceed in them with the greater Confidence, since they have received your Excellency's Approbation.

Our immediate Interest calls upon us to promote with all possible Care the Linen Manufacture: And your Excellency has convinced us of your affectionate Regard to our Happiness, by proposing those Things only to our Consideration, on which our own Prosperity depends. We already feel the beneficial Effects of the Bounty lately continued by Great Britain to that valuable Branch of our Trade; and we have a full and just Sense of the early and effectual Proof, that your Excellency on that Occasion gave of your favourable Attention to it.

Unanimity, Temper and Dispatch in our Deliberations are the natural Result of those Sentiments of Loyalty, which we have constantly professed to the best of Kings. And the Dignity and Weight of your Excellency's Character, the Solidity of your Judgment, your Truth, Candour, and Integrity, Qualities universally known and acknowledged; always the Objects of our Esteem, and now the Grounds of our Confidence, will prove additional Motives and Assistances to the Endeavours we shall on our Part strenuously exert for the promoting the true Service of his Majesty; the Security and Happiness of his People, and the Ease and Honour of your Excellency's Government.

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