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Dublin, December 21.

THIS Day his Excellency 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 therein mentioned, and for prohibiting the Importation of all Gold and Silver Lace, except of the Manufacture of Great Britain.

An Act for granting to his Majesty an additional Duty on Wine, Silk, Hops, China, Earthen, Japanned, or Lacquered 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 Centum per Annum upon such Part of the Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds, Part of the Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds formerly raised, and to pay an Interest of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, upon such Part of the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds also formerly raised, as shall remain unpaid on the Twenty fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and forty seven; as also to pay an Interest of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, for such Part, of the Sum of Seventy thousand Pounds as hath been or shall be borrowed, pursuant to an Act passed in the last Session of

Parliament, and towards the Discharge of the said principal Sum.

An Act for Licensing Hawkers and Pedlars, and for the Encouragement of English Protestant Schools.

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

May it please your Excellency,

THE Unanimity, Chearfulness, and Dispatch with which the Commons have raised the Supply for the Support of the Establishment, are a convincing Proof of that steady and inviolable Zeal which has influenced all their Proceedings, for maintaining the Dignity of the Crown, and the Ease and Honour of your Administration.

The great Abilities and Integrity by which you have long distinguished yourself in Places of the highest Trust near his Majesty's Person, and the early Experience we had of your watchful Concern for the Welfare of this Kingdom; even before your happy Arrival amongst us, will always engage us to give you the strongest Proofs of our Esteem and Gratitude, and greatly adds to the Pleasure which I have in presenting these two Bills to you for the Royal Assent.

Amongst the many Instances of his Majesty's paternal Affection for his loyal Subjects of this Kingdom, we justly esteem