

tion to deserve the Continuance of it, by the firmest Attachment to his Sacred Person and Government.

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His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

**I** Thank the House of Commons for this new Mark of their Regard and Approbation. It shall be my constant Endeavour to deserve them, by exerting myself upon all Occasions in promoting the Interest and Welfare of this Kingdom.

Dublin, April 14.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went this Day to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Ceremony, his Excellency sent 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 for the more effectual preventing of Frauds in his Majesty's Customs and Excise.*

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

*An Act for granting and continuing to his Majesty several Duties upon Coaches, Berlins, Chariots, Calashes, Chaises and Chairs, and upon Cards and Dice, and upon wrought and manufactured Gold and Silver Plate, for the Purposes herein mentioned.*

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

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

*An Act for continuing several Temporary Statutes.*

*An Act for explaining and amending an Act intituled, An Act for the further Encouragement of finding and working Mines and Minerals within this Kingdom.*

*An Act for explaining and making more effectual an Act intituled, An Act for the more effectual preventing clandestine Marriages; and an other Act passed in the twelfth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to prevent Marriages by degraded Clergymen and Popish Priests, and for preventing Marriages consummated from being avoided by Pre-contracts, and for the more effectual punishing of Bigamy.*

*An Act to provide for Begging-Children, and for the better Regulation of Charity Schools, and for taking up Vagrant and Offensive Beggars in the City of Dublin and Liberties thereof, and the Liberties thereto adjoining.*

*An Act for amending, continuing and making more effectual the several Acts now in Force in this Kingdom for the more easy Recovery of Tythes, and other Ecclesiastical Dues of small Value, and also for the more easy providing a Maintenance for Parish Clerks.*

*An Act for the better securing the Persons who have served, or hereafter shall serve in the Office of Sheriff in this Kingdom, against the Defaults and Neglects of their Sub-Sheriffs and Attorneys.*

*An Act for Amendment of the Law in relation to the appointing High and Petty Constables.*

*An Act for continuing and amending an Act*

*passed in the tenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act for regulating Abuses committed in buying and selling of Cattle and Sheep in the several Markets in this Kingdom.*

*An Act for the more effectual amending and keeping in Repair the several Turnpike Roads in this Kingdom, and for better securing the Creditors of the said Roads.*

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

And then his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, which is as follows.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**T**HE Loyalty, Unanimity, and Temper of your Proceedings, during this Session, at once demonstrate your just Attachment to the true Interest of your Country, and your grateful Sense of the invaluable Blessings which you enjoy under his Majesty's most gracious Government.

I am persuaded it will be your constant Endeavour, in your respective Countries, to inspire your Fellow Subjects with the same Principles, by which your own Counsels in Parliament have been directed; to promote and confirm in them a due Sense of their present Happiness; to encourage them in the Pursuit of Industry and useful Arts; and above all, to maintain, by your Example, and by your Influence, a just Reverence for Religion, and Obedience to legal Authority, without which the best Constitution must languish and decay.

Such a Conduct on your Part, cannot fail to secure to you the Continuance of his Majesty's Royal Favour and Protection, and to establish the Prosperity of this Kingdom upon a solid and lasting Foundation, by defeating the evil Designs of those, who, by the Infusion of groundless Jealousies, endeavour to alienate the Minds of his Majesty's Loyal Subjects, and to disturb the publick Peace.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I am commanded by his Majesty to return you Thanks for the Supplies which you have granted with your usual Cheerfulness.

The Reduction made in the national Debt, is a signal Proof of his Majesty's invariable Purpose, to ease his faithful Subjects, upon all Occasions, so far as may be consistent with the Support of his Government, and their own Security.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

It has been my Study ever since the King was pleased to intrust me with the Government of this Kingdom, to act in such a Manner as might best answer his Majesty's gracious Intentions for the Benefit of his People; and I heartily thank you for the entire Approbation of my Conduct, which you have expressed in your Addresses to me, as well as for the repeated Instances you have given of your Regard to the Ease and Honour of my Administration. I desire you will be assured of my not failing to represent your dutiful Zeal to his Majesty in the truest Light; and that it shall be my constant Care to promote, upon every Occasion, to the utmost of my Power, the Credit, the Interest, and the Prosperity of Ireland.

St. James's, April 14.

The following Address of the Lieutenant-Governour, Council, and House of Representatives