

far as may be consistent with the publick Service) toward the further Reduction of the National Debt.

We should be wanting to ourselves, if we at any Time neglected those great Objects, the Security of the Protestant Interest in this Kingdom, and the Advancement of our Trade, and shall take into particular Consideration, what farther Measures may be necessary for the Support of the Protestant Charter Schools, and the Improvement of our Linen and Hempen Manufactures, and are assured by long and happy Experience, that we can no Way so acceptably recommend ourselves to the Continuance of your Majesty's Royal Favour and Protection, as by promoting in the most effectual Manner the publick Good.

E. Sterling,
H. Alcock, } Cler. Dom. Com.

The Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

I Will take the first Opportunity to transmit this Dutiful and Loyal Address to be laid before his Majesty.

To his Grace Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of Ireland.

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

May it please your Grace,

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Grace our most humble Thanks for your excellent Speech from the Throne.

We look upon it as a fresh and signal Instance of his Majesty's paternal Regard for our Happiness, that he has again placed your Grace in the high Station, which you formerly fill'd with such distinguish'd Honour to yourself, and Advantage to this Kingdom: And we most gratefully acknowledge the happy Effects of those faithful Representations, which your Grace has, upon all Occasions, made to his Majesty, of our dutiful and affectionate Attachment to his Royal Person and Government.

The sincere Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and for our Prosperity, which we have ever experienced to be your Grace's governing Principle, lays us under the strongest Obligations of promoting with Temper and Unanimity, whatever tends to the publick Welfare, and the Ease of your Grace's Administration.

His Majesty's faithful Subjects of Ireland are too zealous for the Preservation of the Crown in his illustrious House, not to have been deeply affected by the late publick Loss. And the Greatness and the Goodness of his Majesty's Mind, in immediately proposing those salutary Provisions, which have since passed into a Law, fill us with the warmest Sentiments of Reverence and Gratitude. But tho' we are secured, as far as human Wisdom can reach, against the Consequences of any fatal Event, yet we must offer up our sincerest Prayers for the Continuance of the sacred Life of a Sovereign, who is not more watchful to prevent, than he has been powerful to defend us against every Danger.

We are justly sensible of your Grace's Goodness in recommending the Security of the Protestant Interest and the Advancement of our Trade, as the two great Objects which demand our constant and most serious Attention. The Protestant Schools, which were establish'd by a Charter obtain'd during your Grace's former

Government, and the Linen Manufactures, have already contributed greatly toward the Attainment of those important Ends; and we will take into our earliest Deliberations, whatever may be necessary for their further Support and Encouragement.

Experience gives us the fullest Confidence in your Grace: And we rest assured, that nothing will be wanting that may effectuate his Majesty's gracious Intentions, to make his Subjects of Ireland happy, as we shall always continue most dutiful and loyal.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor.

The Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

I Return your Lordships Thanks for this affectionate Address, and for the very obliging Manner in which you express your Satisfaction on my Return to this Government. I am convinced, the most effectual Way of preserving your good Opinion, is, by continuing to exert my utmost Endeavours in promoting his Majesty's Service, and the Prosperity of this Kingdom.

To his Grace Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, in Parliament assembled.

May it please your Grace,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, return your Grace our most humble Thanks for your excellent Speech from the Throne, and beg Leave at the same Time, to express our sincerest Congratulations on your Grace's happy Return to the Government of this Kingdom.

We consider it as a very peculiar Instance of his Majesty's Goodness to his Subjects of Ireland, that he hath again committed them to your Grace's Care; your former Administration must be gratefully remembred, as the Effects of it are still most sensibly felt by us; but the Concern, that your Grace has since shewn for the Welfare of this Kingdom, and the effectual Support you have given to our Interests, in the several Stations you have so eminently filled, must now create in us a Satisfaction, which Words cannot sufficiently express.

We beg Leave to assure your Grace, that we will readily and chearfully grant such Supplies, as shall be necessary for the Support of his Majesty's Government. His Majesty's gracious Recommendation, that a Part of the Money now in the Treasury, should be applied towards the Reduction of the National Debt, is a convincing Proof (if any were yet wanting) that his Majesty is ever attentive to the Ease and Happiness of his People, and that your Grace hath made them the constant Objects of your Consideration.

Your Grace hath been pleased to point out to us, the Security of the Protestant Interest, and the extending our Trade and Manufactures, as important Objects of our Deliberations. These we shall steadily pursue with the utmost Temper and Unanimity.

Animated as we are, with the strongest Sense of Duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings, and possessed with the fullest Confidence of your Grace's Zeal for his Service, and of your distinguished good Disposition towards us, we shall