

We assure your Majesty, that nothing could have been more distant from our Thoughts, and that as we always have been, so we ever shall continue to be, most ready and willing to support your Majesty's Prerogative, and all other the just Rights of the Crown, with the same Steadiness and Zeal that we shall endeavour to maintain the just Rights and Privileges of the People.

We beg Leave, in the most humble Manner, to express our Concern at our not having had an Opportunity, the last Session of Parliament, of laying our Proceedings before your Majesty in their proper Light, and of giving your Majesty the clearest and fullest Demonstration of our unbounded Zeal for your Service.

We have the truest and most grateful Sense of your Majesty's Goodness, and paternal Care, in taking the Circumstances of this Kingdom into your Royal Consideration; and acknowledge it as a particular Instance of your tender Concern for the Welfare of it, that your Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint a chief Governor to preside over us, of whose approved Fidelity and steady Attachment to your Majesty, and your Royal House, we are fully persuaded; and of whose Honour, Integrity, Justice, and other eminent Qualities, we have conceived so high an Idea; that we promise ourselves from his just and impartial Representation, your Majesty's true and faithful Commissions will appear in such a Light, as to deserve your Majesty's Royal Favour and Countenance, which is most ardently wished for by us, and without which we should think ourselves unhappy, in the Midst of those Blessings which all your Majesty's Subjects enjoy under your most benign Influence.

We assure your Majesty that we shall steadfastly persevere in the same Sentiments of Duty, Loyalty, and Affection, with which we have been always animated, and which we have always professed, for your Royal Person, and Illustrious Family; and that we shall, on all Occasions, exert ourselves, with the utmost Vigour, in Support and Defence of the Honour and Dignity of your Crown; and shall, as the best Evidence we can give of the Purity of our Intentions, and Sincerity of our Hearts, grant, with the greatest Cheerfulness, such Supplies as shall be necessary for the Maintenance and Support of the Establishment, and for the Honour of your Majesty's Government; and concur in every Measure which may contribute to heal the Divisions which have, for some Time past, unhappily subsisted amongst us.

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

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 Excellency William Marquess 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,

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

We acknowledge with Gratitude this late and signal Instance of His Majesty's paternal Regard for our Happiness, in the Choice that He has been graciously pleased to make of your Excellency to fill the Government of this Kingdom. And we are truly sensible of your Excellency's Goodness in not delaying to come over to us, at so critical a Conjuncture, and in your taking the first Opportunity of meeting us in Parliament, in order to concert the proper Measures for securing the Tranquillity and Happiness of Ireland. The great and unusual Pains that your Excellency has taken, in your Progress through the Kingdom, to inform yourself of the Situation and Circumstances of this Country, are evident Proofs of your good Inclination to maintain its Interests.

Your Excellency's particular Recommendation to us of the Improvement of our Commerce and Inland Navigation, of the Advancement of our Linen and other Manufactures, and of the Encouragement of our Protestant Charter Schools, gives us the greatest Pleasure and Satisfaction. And we rely upon your Excellency's Assistance and Support in pursuing these Methods, which may best contribute to promote these desirable Ends.

Your Excellency's known Attachment to His Majesty's Royal Person, Family, and Government, and to the great Principles of the Revolution, leaves us no Room to doubt of your Excellency's most sincere and ready Endeavours to give Effect to whatever Measures may be conducive to the Prosperity and Honour of this Kingdom. And we beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that nothing shall be wanting, on our Part, that may testify our earnest Desire to promote, with all Cheerfulness and Unanimity, the Ease, Security and Honour of His Majesty's Government, and the publick Welfare, under your Excellency's Administration.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler. Parliamentor,

The Lord Lieutenant's Answer.

My Lords,

I Return your Lordships many Thanks for your affectionate Address; and shall endeavour to deserve the Continuance of your good Opinion, by making the Honour and Happiness of Ireland the constant Object of my Attention.

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