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The SPEECH of his Excellency PHILIP Earl of CHESTERFIELD, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of *Ireland*, to both Houses of Parliament, at *Dublin*, on Tuesday the 3th Day of *October*, 1745.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I AM honoured with the King's Commands to meet you here in Parliament, and to co-operate with you in whatever may tend to establish or promote the true Interest of this Kingdom. His Majesty's tender Concern for all his Subjects, and your Zeal and Duty for him, have mutually been so long experienced, for me now to represent the one, or recommend the other.

Your own Reflections will best suggest to you the Advantages you have enjoyed under a Succession of Protestant Princes, by Nature inclined; and by legal Authority enabled to preserve and protect you, as your own History, and even the Experience of those still alive among you, will best paint the Miseries and Calamities of a People scourged, rather than governed, by blind Zeal and lawless Power.

These Considerations must necessarily excite your highest Indignation at the Attempt now carrying on in *Scotland*, to disturb his Majesty's Government, by a Pretender to his Crown: One raised up in civil and religious Error: Formed to Persecution and Oppression, in the Seat of Superstition and Tyranny; whose groundless Claim is so contrary to the natural Rights of Mankind, as to the particular Laws and Constitutions of these Kingdoms; whose only Hopes of Support are placed in the Enmities of the Liberties of *Europe* in general; and whose Successes would consequently destroy your Liberty, your Property, and your Religion. But this Success is little to be feared, his Majesty's Subjects giving daily and distinguished Proofs of their Zeal for the Support of his Government, and the Defence of his Person; and a great Number of national Troops, together with six thousand *Dutch*, cheerfully furnished to his Majesty by his good Allies the States-General, being now upon their March to *Scotland*; a Force more than sufficient to check the Progress, and chastise the Insolence, of a rebellious and undisciplin'd Multitude.

The Measures that have hitherto been taken to prevent the Growth of Popery, have, I hope, had some, and will still have a greater Effect; however I leave it to your Consideration, whether nothing farther can be done, either by new Laws, or by the more effectual Execution of those in Being, to secure this Nation against the great Number of Papists, whose speculative

Errors would only deserve Pity, if their pernicious Influence upon civil Society did not both require and authorize Restraint.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Officers to lay before you the several Accounts and Estimates, and I have the Pleasure of acquainting you, that I have nothing to ask, but the usual and necessary Supplies for the Support of the Establishment.

The King having thought it necessary at this Time to send for two Battalions more from hence, has ordered that immediately upon their landing in *England*, they shall be put upon the *British* Establishment; and that the supplementary Increase of regular Forces for your Defence here, shall be made in the least expensive Manner, by additional Companies only; after which Augmentation, the Number of Troops will still be within the usual military Establishment.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is with the greatest Satisfaction that I hear of the present flourishing State of your Linnen Manufacture, and I most earnestly recommend to you the Care and Improvement of so valuable a Branch of your Trade; let not its Prosperity produce Negligence, and let it never be supposed to be brought to its utmost Extent or Perfection. Trade has always been the best Support of all Nations, and the principal Care of the Wise.

I PERSUADE myself, that the Business of this Session will be carried on with the Temper and Unanimity, which a true and unbiassed Regard for the Public naturally produces, and which the present State of Affairs more particularly demands. For my own Part, I make you no Professions; you will, you ought, to judge of me only by my Actions.

L O N D O N.

November 16. Major-General Batteraux's Regiment, in its March to the North, halted 24 Hours at Halifax; where they were supplied with all Manner of Refreshments in the kindest and most bountiful Manner. Desiring to know what was to pay at their leaving the Town, the Magistrates told them they were heartily welcome, and would not take a Farthing. The Regiment then drew up on an Eminence near the Town, and gave three Discharges by way of Thanks.

On Tuesday last a Fire happened at Ricaut, in Oxfordshire, the Seat of the Right Honourable the Earl of Abingdon, a great Part of which was consumed; and his Lordship's Son, the Lord Norreys, a fine Youth of about 15 Years, was burnt to Death in his Chamber.

Nov. 19. Last Week some of the Quakers, in Behalf of themselves, and others of their Persuasion, waited on Sir William Young, General Ligonier, and other proper Officers, with an