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THE EARL OF DONOUGHMORE.

"It is only by union, close and intimate union, that Great Britain can, in this dreadful convulsion of the world, defend her soil, protect her people, and maintain her independence."

LORD GRENVILLE'S Letter.

It is high time, all these odious distinctions should be forgotten, and for ever lost in oblivion. England, Ireland, and Scotland, thus united, we are yet, with all our political decrepitude, and belligerent wounds, a great, a powerful, and invincible nation, fully competent speedily to regain our wanted imperial pre-eminence over both the moral and physical world.

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE EARL OF DONOUGHMORE,

Esq. &c.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I HAVE long intended myself the pleasure of thanking you for the printed copy of your Speech in the House of Lords, on the question of Catholic Emancipation; but, really, I have not found that time at my disposal which the importance of the subject required. Since the prorogation of Parliament, I have been engaged in various pursuits; but more *especially* in examining the numerous reports of our several Committees of the last, in order to be prepared for the discussion of their various matters in the approaching sessions. These form a task of no ordinary undertaking, multiplied too, as it has been, in order clearly to comprehend them, by the necessity of again adverting to many previous reports intimately connected with them.

It had been said to me, by my late friend Mr. Fox, on the very important subject of India, " You really
" terrify us with the very appearance of each separate
" document.

“ document. Every voucher is a volume of no ordinary size; and the intellect is blunted with dismay before we can advance beyond the title-page.” If this was the feeling of that comprehensive mind in ordinary occurrences, great allowance must be made for the present most extraordinary accumulation of three years’ growth, under a cautious, slow, deliberating, and managing Committee (involved in vast created difficulties) constantly sitting; whose duty it has been to prepare such a clear and intelligible statement on the affairs of India for the long period of seventeen years, since the last renewal of the Company’s charter, as shall enable the House and the Nation to form a comprehensive judgment of the value and resources of British India; how far the past trust of this extensive and important empire to the East India Company has been cultivated with honour, fidelity, and advantage becoming the national character and national expectations; and whether it can be considered politic and wise to continue the exclusive rights of this invaluable jurisdiction to the same system of management, thereby positively precluding all intercourse with the whole subjects of the empire (and especially Ireland, so richly endowed by nature for commercial advantage) ultimately interested in the nation’s rights, locking up its resources, suffocating commercial enterprise, divesting the subject of all human discretion peculiar to his situation in life, benumbing the faculties which both countries produce, destroying experience, and virtually incapacitating the masculine activity of either under a close monopoly—
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and this, too, at a period when we are blindly exploring every region of the earth for new sources inviting traffic and commercial adventure. This subject, I fear, little understood, and less attended to, in point of national value and national strength, second to none which concerns the vitality and stability of the British empire but Ireland, forms of itself many folio volumes. Add to these the whole of the Finance Reports and Accounts, and especially those of 1797 and 1798, so accurately and so judiciously arranged by our present able Speaker, and for which, as I stated in the House, "no honours in the gift of the crown, no reward which the nation itself could bestow, could be too great;" from whence I date the real and truly interesting value of parliamentary records as implicating the national resources, inasmuch as they produced the *first* annual accounts of the public income and expenditure, which have ever since been continued. When I tell you, that the deliberate examination of all these, and other reports, perhaps more interesting to others better acquainted with the subjects of them, have been amongst my daily amusements during the recess; even you, my dear friend, though in the habit of great application to national objects, will not be of opinion that my time has been passed idly, however unprofitably to myself, and *apparently* negligent of the expectation which, on your leaving town, I led you to entertain of your soon hearing from me on the subject of the national and constitutional incorporation of Ireland with England.