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THE ADDRESS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP AND CLERGY OF THE UNITED DIOCESES OF CLOYNE AND ROSS.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.—We, the undersigned, the Roman Catholic Bishop and clergy of the dioceses of Cloyne and Ross, in the county of Cork, venture to approach your most gracious Majesty with sentiments of dutiful allegiance to your Majesty's Throne, and of profound respect for your Majesty's person.

"Having, at all times, inculcated allegiance to the Sovereign of Great Britain and Ireland, obedience to the laws of the empire, and respect for the constituted authorities, and being now deeply impressed with the weight of the responsibility which devolves upon us as MINISTERS OF RELIGION, in whom your Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects repose the fullest confidence, and to whose advice they have recourse in their difficulties, we feel it a conscientious obligation to state to your Majesty the fact that there exists in Ireland at present a feeling of deep and general discontent, and an every day growing conviction amongst all classes, that English legislation is utterly inadequate to remedy the evils of our social condition.

"We, therefore, most humbly but earnestly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to order the summoning of your Majesty's Irish Parliament of Lords and Commons in Dublin, and thereby allay the discontent of your people, and increase the security of your throne, and the prosperity of your empire.

- David Walsh, RC Bishop, Cove of Cork
- James Mulcahy, PP, VF, Myross
- David Walsh, RCC, Myross
- Richard Seymour, PP, Timoleague
- James Haynes, RCC, Timoleague
- Patrick Hartnett, PP, Kilmacanogue
- Michael Higgins, RCC, Kilmacanogue
- Michael Ross, RCC, Myross
- William Halaian, RCC, Cape Clear
- Jeremiah Molony, PP, Rosscarbery
- John Fitzpatrick, RCC, Rosscarbery
- Patrick Sheehy, PP, Ardfield
- Patrick Donovan, RCC, Ardfield
- Morgan Madden, PP, Clonakilty
- Phillip M'Carthy, RCC, Clonakilty
- John Fitzpatrick, Administrator, Skibbereen
- Arthur O'Leary, RCC, Skibbereen
- David Parker, RCC, Skibbereen
- Joseph Sheehan, PP, Kilmacabea
- Thomas Sheehan, RCC, Kilmacabea
- John Barry, PP, East Barryroe
- William Toomey, RCC, East Barryroe
- Michael Walsh, RCC, East Barryroe
- Robert Troy, PP, Aghadown
- Edmund Mulcahy, RCC, Aghadown
- John Donegan, RCC, Sherkin Island
- Henry Leader, RCC, Skibbereen
- John O'Mahony, RC Chaplain, Doneraile
- Pierce Green, PP, Monalimny
- James Mather, RCC, Monalimny
- David O'Leary, PP, Lisarroil
- Charles M'Carthy, RCC, Churchtown
- John M'Carthy, RCC, Mallow
- Daniel O'Donovan, RCC, Mallow
- Denis O'Mahony, PP, VF, Aghabullogue

- Morgan O'Brien, PP, VG, Mitchelstown
- Cornelius Horgan, RCC, Mitchelstown
- Patrick Walsh, RCC, Mitchelstown
- Richard Beausang, RCC, Mitchelstown
- John J Golden, PP, Kildorrery
- David Sheehan, RCC, Kildorrery
- James Fitzpatrick, PP, Castletownroche
- Michael Moore, PP, Glanworth
- Daniel O'Mullane, RCC, Glanworth
- John Duggan, RCC, Conna
- Daniel Casey, RCC, Blarney.

"There are four names missing from the list. These are—the Rev. Denis O'Kearney, Rev. Mr. Buckley, Rev. Mr. Ryan, and Rev. Mr. Clancy. These names belong to the dead—four additional victims of the fever and famine policy of England's rule. From the death beds of the poor these last victims—all struck down within six weeks—caught the fatal fever.

Already the diocese of Waterford has followed the example of the diocese of Cloyne and Ross. On Friday last the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore assembled his clergy in the vestry of the Cathedral of Waterford, and adopted an address, which is described by the local journal as being "a strong" appeal to the Queen, calling for the immediate assemblage of the Irish Parliament in Dublin as the only mode of saving the empire and securing the crown.

The *Cork Examiner* introduces the above address by the following article:—

A few days since, we anticipated the formal publication of the loyal and patriotic address of the Bishop and Clergy of Cloyne and Ross; to-day we publish it formally, fortified with a long list of names—in fact, the names of all the clergy of the united dioceses, without exception.

We challenge attention to this document; for we hold it to be one of the most important that has been given to the public since the commencement of the agitation in favour of self-government. The document is deliberately conceived, and firmly as well as moderately expressed. It is not in any way like the vehement outpouring of excited and reckless men. It is the grave, dignified, unimpassioned declaration of opinion—the solemn and earnest warning, of ministers of religion, led and advised by their religious superior—a thoughtful, retiring, but determined man—one who throughout his long and honoured life, has been consistently averse to all kinds of agitation—one who has never yet been induced to retire from his spiritual seclusion—one who has never spoken from a public platform—the present venerated Bishop of Cloyne and Ross. From his exalted and responsible position, as the spiritual head of nearly half a million of people, he sees, with the eyes and heart of a father, the desolation that is ravaging the fairest portion of his fold—he sees a brave, intelligent, pious people—a people possessing every physical excellence and moral quality that can make a nation happy and great—he sees this people plunged in a state of woe and wretchedness beyond all parallel in civilized society, and scarcely to be matched among the darkest, the rudest, the most brutish and debased races of savage life. This good bishop—this grave, thoughtful, unimpassioned man—sees the condition of the people; and while feeling for their misery in the deep tenderness of his paternal heart he clearly understands the true, the great, the patent cause of that condition, of that woe, and of that misery. Dr. Walsh knows that a people cannot be happy, cannot be prosperous, cannot be encouraged, cannot be stimulated, cannot be properly or wisely ruled by strangers—always cold, indifferent, and scornful—often hostile and hating. Even his patience is worn out by the long watching for change, for a better order of things, which sanguine or

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