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Mr Ryder has the honor of humbly submitting to Your Royal Highness the Disbels^{ts} which he has received from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland dated y^e. 12th. Inst^l. apprizing him of the measures, which the Irish Government have thought it necessary to adopt in respect of the Catholic Committee, in order to prevent the mischief, which had commenced by their means, from spreading so as to endanger the security of the Country.

Mr Ryder begs leave to call Your Royal Highness's attention more particularly

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to that part of His Grace's letter, in which he states, that the Committee had assumed to themselves all the forms of the House of Commons, by debating as nearly as possible in the same manner the House of Commons debate - by having regular Orders of the Day - regular Notices of Motions taken down by their Secretary at the Table in Writing, without which they reckon it irregular to discuss any question - by having Reporters for their Debates, and by their Chairman signing all their Minutes and Proceedings as the Speaker does those of the House of Commons.

Mr Ryder would further take the liberty of humbly submitting to Your Royal Highness that the Attorney General of Ireland

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has given an opinion that the printed letter from the Secretary to the Committee (a copy of which accompanies the Lord Lieutenant's letter) is in direct violation of the Convention Act of 33 G. 3. c. 29 inasmuch as it appears to be drawn with an evident intention of creating, without transcribing the letter of the Law, the very assembly, which the Convention Act declared to be illegal, and the framers or abettors of which, are by that Law deemed guilty of a High Misdemeanor.

It will further appear to Your Royal Highness, that His Grace the Lord Lieutenant after due consideration of all these extraordinary circumstances, and as the only means of preventing

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the Mischiefs, which might have probably endangered the Tranquillity of the Country by a longer forbearance on the part of the Government, and by allowing these illegal Proceedings to continue unchecked, has felt it to be his Duty to issue the Orders of which he has enclosed ^{a copy} to put in force those Provisions of the Convention Act relating to Meetings of this description, and to direct that if the Catholic Committee should again meet in the City of Dublin they should be dispersed by the Magistrates under the authority of the 33 G. 3. c. 29.

Mr Ryder humbly submits to Your Royal Highness, that considering the mischievous intentions and effect of the Proceedings of the

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Committee as detailed in the Dispatch of the Lord Lieutenant, it is extremely fortunate that the Government of Ireland have been enabled to take measures which they think will be effectual to stop their Proceedings by putting in execution the provisions of an Act of Parliament, which was passed for this very purpose; and acting as they have done under the Advice of the Law Officers of the Crown and of the Lord Chancellor, (who Mr Ryder is informed by a private letter from Mr Pole entirely concurred in their opinion) Mr Ryder trusts that no more question can be entertained of their Legality of their Proceedings under the Act, than there

can be, supposing those Proceedings to be legal
of their Expediency and Necessity.

Mr Ryder therefore humbly proposes
with Your Royal Highness's gracious Appro-
bation to write to the Lord Lieutenant on
Mr Hale tomorrow, and procuring from
the Authority of the Attorney General and
the Lord Chancellor that what has been
done is perfectly consistent with the Act of
Parliament, to recommend that the Lord
Lieutenant should persevere, by the exercise
of the same legal means to prevent the
further progress of any Assemblage of this
illegal Convention.