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FROM *FRIDAY*, FEBRUARY 3, TO *TUESDAY*, FEBRUARY 7, 1797.

BY THE KING
 A PROCLAMATION,
 FOR A GENERAL FAST.

GEORGE R.

We, taking into our most serious consideration the just and necessary war in which we are engaged, and putting our trust in Almighty God that he will graciously bless our arms both by sea and land, have resolved, and do, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, hereby command, that a public fast and humiliation be observed throughout that part of our kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, on Thursday the 9th day of March next; that so both we and our people may humble ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain pardon of our sins, and may in the most devout and solemn manner, send up our prayers and supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy judgments which our manifold sins and provocations have most justly deserved, and imploring his blessing and assistance on our arms, and for restoring and perpetuating peace, safety and prosperity to us and our kingdoms: And we do strictly charge and command, that the said public fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all our loving subjects in Scotland, as they tender the favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his wrath and indignation, and upon pain of such punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the performance of so religious and necessary a duty. Our will is therefore, and we charge, that this our proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other places

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needful, and there, in our name and authority, make publication hereof, that none pretend ignorance: And our will and pleasure is, that our Solicitor do cause printed copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several shires, Stewards of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of regalities, and their Clerks, whom we ordain to see the same published: And we appoint them to send copies hereof to the several parish churches within their bounds, that upon the Lord's day immediately preceding the day above mentioned the same may be published and read from the pulpits immediately after divine service.

Given at our Court at St James's, the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, in the thirty-seventh year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

[A similar Proclamation has been issued, appointing Wednesday the 8th day of March next, to be observed as a fast day throughout England and Wales, and the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed.]

CARLTON-HOUSE, Oct. 11, 1796.

The Honourable Miss Coleman is appointed to be Bedchamber Woman to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

CARLTON-HOUSE, Jan. 18, 1797.

The Countess Dowager of Elgin is appointed to be Governess to her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte.

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