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BY THE KING,  
 A P R O C L A M A T I O N,  
 FOR A GENERAL FAST.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into our most serious consideration the just and necessary war in which we are engaged, for the maintenance of the independence of our Crown, for the defence and protection of the Commerce, and of the Rights and Liberties, civil and religious, of our subjects; 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 8th 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 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.

[Price Sixpence.]

Given at our Court at St. James's, the twenty-fourth day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, in the thirty-eight year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING,

At the Court at St James's, the 24th January 1798.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, his Majesty hath received information, that the plague has broken out in the island of Corfica, in consequence of communication with a vessel from Barbary, and that many vessels had left Corfica on the alarm, and even some from the very port where the infected vessel came in, and where the infection raged; and that some of these vessels are probably bound through the Straits of Gibraltar: his Majesty this day took the same into consideration, and although it appeared, that a quarantine of forty days is at this time subsisting, by orders of this Board, upon all ships coming from or through the Mediterranean, except those coming directly from any of the ports of the kingdom of Spain within the Mediterranean, or from the island of Minorca, laden with the products of Spain only, and also except ships and vessels arriving from the town or port of Gibraltar, provided the cargo on board all such ships or vessels do consist entirely of non-enumerated articles, (except any bags, straw, matting and plating on jars, which were solely made use of as package for such non-enumerated articles) yet his Majesty, with the advice of his Privy Council, judges it necessary upon this occasion to cause his orders for the performance of quarantine to be enforced and extended: And to that end his Majesty, with the advice aforesaid, doth hereby order, require and command, that the subsisting quarantine be strictly enforced, and that all the officers appointed for the service of quarantine do use their utmost care and diligence in causing the several rules and regulations established for the due performance of quarantine to be punctually and strictly observed and carried into execution. And his Majesty, with the advice of his Privy Council, is further pleased to order, require and command, that all ships and vessels arrived, or that shall arrive in any of the ports of this kingdom, or the islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, from any of the ports of the kingdom of Spain within the Mediterranean, or from the island of Minorca, or from the town or port of Gibraltar, although the

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